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CONGRESS AND ITS WORK

THE DRIFT OF LEGISLATION IN THE TWO HOUSES.

PROSPECTS OF THE REFUNDING BILL—THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMERCIAL STATISTICS—MR. WEAVER AGAIN SENT TO HIS SEAT—SENATOR HOAR ON THE GENEVA AWARD.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The Refunding bill was made a special order for to-morrow, and Mr. Wood is prepared to proceed with its consideration. It is probable, however, that the bill will be antagonized by the Committee on Elections, notice having been given by Mr. Springer, Chairman of that committee, that he would call up the Curtis-Yocum contested election case immediately after the morning hour of Tuesday. Should the House decide to proceed with the election case, the Refunding bill will have to take its chances with the numerous other measures filed as special orders, and which, by being driven over, have lost their places. The Committee on Appropriations promise to report one of the appropriation bills on Wednesday, and should these bills follow in rapid order, the Refunding bill will not have much chance for getting before the House for some time. The question, however, as to what particular measure the House will consider may be determined by majority, and if Mr. Wood can secure that, he can maintain his bill in good position.

In the House to-day, Mr. Weaver had a colloquy with the Speaker in reference to obtaining recognition to offer his financial resolutions, and, as upon previous occasions, failed to accomplished his object. Mr. Weaver quoted from a statement made by the Speaker two weeks ago, to the effect that he had established a rule to recognize on Mondays, to move to suspend the rules, the Chairmen of such committees as were instructed to bring forward any measure, in preference to individual members, and upon this raised the point that the Speaker had no right to make a rule, and that the rules of the House did not furnish authority for such discrimination against an individual and in favor of a committee. The Speaker replied that he was simply administering the rules of the House, one of which lodged in him the right of awarding the floor. He had made a rule in reference to this matter so far, and would administer it impartially. When several members were contesting the floor, he was to recognize one, and he had concluded to favor the organ of a committee rather than an individual, because, as a rule, the committees had some important public business to present to the House. Mr. Weaver next raised a point of order that the pending resolution, which came over as the unfinished business from a previous Monday, had lost its place by adjournment, and therefore, he having the floor, had a right to present his resolutions. *This point was properly overruled, and Mr. Weaver was informed by the Speaker* that he had eight applications from as many different committees to be recognized to move to suspend the rules, and that he would not recognize him so long as such applications were pending. Mr. Weaver, having no means of redress, was obliged to retire for the sixth time with his financial resolutions. Mr. Randall's rule works admirably to exclude from the floor such menand measures as may be objectionable to him and his party, as no difficulty will be experienced in arranging with a few committees to be in a condition of readiness to move to suspend the rules on Mondays, when it is desired to exclude such troublesome measures as that being nursed by Mr. Weaver.

The order issued from the Treasury Department requiring Collectors of Customs to withhold from publication all statistics in relation to cargoes arriving or departing, when shippers or consignees shall request this to be done, is exciting much opposition in Congress, as well as among merchants at important ports. The matter was first brought to the attention of Congress by a memorial from the 300 members of the Cotton Exchange in New-Orleans, who protested strongly against the order, on the ground that its enforcement could benefit no one but speculators. In response to a resolution of inquiry introduced by Senator Kernan, the Secretary of the Treasury forwarded to the Senate some favorable comments upon the order made by Mr. Bowen, Collector, and a letter complaining of the publication, which has been restricted, from one firm in New-York. Since that time it is understood that numerous protests against the order have been received by the Treasury Department, one of them signed by 62 merchants in New-York. In the House to-day, Mr. Morrison, who has freely expressed his disapprobation of the order, introduced a resolution declaring that it shall be unlawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold, or cause to be withheld from publication, any statistics concerning grain, provisions, or other merchandise shipped to foreign countries. The resolution was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Morrison and other members say that this obnoxious order is new, or may at at any time become, a great aid to speculators in grain or other great staples. Because of its operations, it is now impossible to obtain official information of the amount of any such staple shipped abroad in a given week, for the shippers, by a simple request, can secure the suppression of these statistics for 90 days. It is easy to see how, in this way, the speculators may find it easy to manipulate the price of grain in the West. Inability to procure trustworthy statements in relation to the movement of grain, cotton, and other commodities from our great ports, removes one of the most important bases by which prices are regulated, and adds to the element of uncertainty, upon which speculators in such a great degree rely.

Senator Hoar delivered a speech to-day on the bill reviving the commission for the distribution of the Geneva award, in the course of which he said: "The claim presented by the United States at Geneva is conveniently spoken of as a claim for the acts of certain Confederate cruisers. But this is not an accurate statement. The claim is for the omission on the part of the British Government to take certain precautions which were required of them as neutrals by international obligation. In no case does a capture or destruction by act of war create a claim on the part of the owner for compensation. The insurance companies, then, cannot be subrogated to the claims of private owners, for the reason that no private owner ever had a claim to which they can be subrogated. After arguing that the award was in gross, and unaccompanied by any condition, expressed or implied, as to the mode of its distribution, Mr. Hoar said that, in his opinion, losers by marine dangers occasioned by England's fault stand differently from other sufferers by the war, because their rights were purposely left unprotected and unredressed for the general public benefit. "We had cause of war against England long before the Alabama, but we did not make war upon her, because we could not have two wars on our hands at once. We bought peace with England for the time being at the expense of these men, and they should be indemnified. I think, also, we should indemnify owners of property for war premiums paid for its insurance. They carried on business at great disadvantage in competition with foreigners, who ran no risk of capture. The premiums could not, therefore, be added to the freight or to the price of the goods; and the insurance only partially and imperfectly removed this disadvantage. I do not think underwriters who conducted their business at a profit have any claim, as the bounty of the Government. Every loss for which the underwriter paid was due to the criminal neglect of England. Every profit by an insurance at 25 per cent. on a ship which escaped, on which the insurance would have been only 5 per cent, but for the war risk, was due to the same thing. The insurer in that case made 20 per cent by the same neglect of England. Loss and gain are both attributable to England's neglect. Let the remainder of the award be paid, not to those who have made great gains by the circumstances from which it came, but to the actual losers whom the Government, by design, left unprotected, and with whose losses it bought for itself vast and incalculable advantages, alike in the darkest period of the war and in the remotest future of peace."

Among the bills introduced in the House today under the call of States were the following: By Mr. Chittenden, of New-York—To fix the maximum rate of duty on carpetings. It provides that after July 1 duties on carpeting and carpet rags of every description shall be limited to 50 per cent ad valorem in all cases where higher duties are not imposed and collected.

By Mr. Singleton, of Illinois—Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a land warrant to each and every officer and private who served in the Army and Navy of the United States during the late war.

By Mr. Townsend, of Ohio—To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue licenses to yachts built for pleasure purposes only, and as models of naval architecture, permitting them to pass from port to port of this country, and from ports of this country to foreign countries, and exempting them from the necessity of taking out Custom-house clearance papers.

By Mr. Muldrow, of Mississippi—To repeal all acts granting lands in the Indian Territory to railroads conditioned on the extinguishment of the Indian title.

By Mr. Atkins, of Tennessee—To put wood and straw pulp, soda-ash, and other chemicals used in the manufacture of paper on the free list; also, to reduce the duty on printing paper used for books, pamphlets, and magazines to 50 per cent ad valorem.

By Mr. Townshend, of Illinois—To repeal the duty on printing type, type-metal, and printing paper.

By Mr. Berry, of Colorado—To repeal the duty on grain-sacks and bagging to be used for grain-sacks, cotton and wool burlaps, and gunny-cloth.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1880.

Arguments were begun before the House Committee on Private Land Claims, to-day, in the McGarrahan case, and will be continued on Wednesday.

The resolutions recently adopted by the New-York Legislature, urging appropriations for the better fortification of New-York Harbor, were presented in both houses of Congress to-day—in the Senate by Mr. Conkling and in the House by Mr. Lapham.

The House Committee on War Claims, at their meeting this morning, decided to report adversely on 25 claims, aggregating $500,000.

The Senate adopted a resolution to-day, on motion of Mr. Beck, of Kentucky, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report to the Senate the amount paid out of appropriations for star postal service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, from July 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880, stating the amount paid on each route, and what amount would be required to pay in full for all such star service at the rates and under the contracts now existing for the remainder of the present fiscal year, stating the amount required for each route separately.

The Sub-committee of the House Military Committee, consisting of Representatives Scales, Speer, and Farr, to whom was referred Representative Stone's bill for the "reorganization and discipling of the Militia," held a session this morning and perfected the bill, and it was subsequently reported to the House. The bill as now prepared by the committee does not change the relations between the General Government and the *Militia, but increases the annual appropriation* and substitutes for the obsolete provisions of the law of 1792 only such changes as lapse of time and changed conditions have made necessary and requisite.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Leave of absence for six months has been granted Capt. James M. Morgan, Twenty-fourth Infantry. First Lieut. W. A. Dinwiddie, Second Cavalry, is relieved from duty at the Illinois Industrial University, at Champaign, Ill., and will join his regiment. The leave of absence granted Capt. E. C. Hentiz, Sixth Cavalry, has been extended one month. Commissary Sergt. Hudson has been ordered to Fort Riley, Kan., to relieve Commissary Sergt. Buchanan, who will proceed to Fort Bliss, Texas, and report for duty. The leave of absence granted Capt. Thomas J. Lloyd, Eighteenth Infantry, has been extended two months. Capt. A. C. M. Pennington, Second Artillery, is detailed to act as inspector on certain articles of clothing, garrison equipage, &c., at Baltimore.

Passed Assistant Surgeon H. C. Harvey has been detached from the receiving-ship Passaic and placed on waiting orders, and Passed Assistant Surgeon Howard E. Ames has been ordered to temporary duty on board the Passaic.

CHARGED WITH WIFE-MURDER.

BUTLER, Penn., March 1.—John Lefever, 60 years old, and his wife, 55 years of age, lived on a farm 12 miles from this place, and had never lived peaceably together. Mrs. Lefever had been married three times before, and she was Lefever's third wife. On Dec. 15 last, Lefever called at a neighbor's house and said that his wife had fallen down stairs and broken her neck. She was found at the foot of the stairs, dead. Lefever said that he was in the kitchen churning, when he heard the noise of his wife falling, and on going into the hall discovered her lying there dead. There was no one else in the house at the time, the children being away at school. Justice of the Peace Keck summoned a jury, and the verdict of the inquest was that Mrs. Lefever came to her death by breaking her neck by falling down stairs. A few days afterward, Miss Mary Habberson, a sister of the deceased woman, who had held from the first that Mrs. Lefever had been murdered, caused the body to be exhumed, and a post-mortem examination was held by Drs. Barden and Scott. No surgical examination had been made of the body at the inquest, and some surprising discoveries were made by the doctors at the post-mortem. A black and blue bruise was found encircling the throat of the dead woman, and unmistakable evidences that a rope or handkerchief had been twisted about her neck. There were dark marks over each eye; these being cut with a lance, coagulated blood was found, showing that the wounds had been made before death. The woman's neck was also broken. Lefever's children testified that *when they went to school on the day of their* mother's death their parents were engaged in a quarrel more bitter than usual. Miss Habberson at once made complaint against Lefever, and he was arrested on the charge of murdering his wife. He will be tried at the term of court which commences here this week.

NIAGARA IN A WILD MOOD.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, March 1.—The water in the Niagara River has been greatly swollen during the last few days by the recent rains. The ice bridge has broken up. About 100 feet of the mill-race recently built under the railway suspension bridge has been carried away; also, the platform situated at the whirlpool rapids, which extended out some 15 feet from the shore at a height of six feet above the ordinary level of the water. The water in the river was higher last night than it has been for many years.

WHAT MR. MHENEY LOST.

BUTLER, Penn., March 1.—Ten years ago, James McHenry, of Atlantic and Great Western Railway fame, purchased 28,000 acres of undeveloped iron land in Butler and Lawrence Counties. The purchase price was $500,000, of which he paid $20,000 down. He subsequently surrendered his contract, and forfeited the $20,000. The lands are now being developed, and capitalists are rapidly securing property at enormous prices. The McHenry purchase is now worth more than double the price he was to pay for it.

OHIO FLOODED WITH DOCTORS.

CINCINNATI, March 1.—The Miami Medical College to-night graduated 50 students, and the Ohio Medical College to-morrow night will graduate 125 more. The medical profession here this season will receive about half as many more recruits from other institutions.

BELL-PUNCH LIQUOR LAW.

RICHMOND, Va., March 1.—Both houses of the General Assembly to-day passed a bill repealing the Moffett Bell-punch Liquor law, and re-establishing a license system, which is to go into operation on May 1. The vote was nearly unanimous.

PRINCE BISMARCK'S POLICY

THE NEW ARMY BILL DEBATED IN THE REICHSTAG.

GENS. VON KAMEKE AND VON MOLTKE EXPLAIN WHY AN INCREASED ARMY IS NECESSARY—NO MENACE TO OTHER POWERS—PRINCE HOHENLOHE'S NEW PLACE.

BERLIN, March 1.—Gen. Von Kameke, Minister of War, in introducing the Army bill in the Reichstag to-day, pointed out that the Federal Government could not leave to chance the question of being outstripped by neighboring powers, and, that it was necessary to place the military institutions of Germany on a par with those of her neighbors, though it could not be said that reasons of an acute character impelled the Government to bring forward the bill.

In the debate which followed Herr Richter thanked Gen. Kameke for his final statement. He said it showed that the pessimist views entertained in some quarters relative to the relations of Germany and Russia were unfounded. Herr Richter, as a compensation for the increased burdens imposed by the bill, proposed a reduction of the period of military service to two years.

Gen. Von Moltke said: "All our neighbors are more or less safe from attack in the rear, and only need to present a front on one side. They have stationed a considerable portion of their land forces close to our borders. Our regiments are distributed regularly over the whole country. Since the conclusion of the Turkish war Russia has considerably extended her military establishment, and France has doubled her army. Meanwhile, we have kept our troops within the proportion of 1 per cent. of our population. France has an army of 497,000 men, while Germany has only 401,000 soldiers. The peace strength of Russia is twice as great as ours. The full term of service in France is 20 and in Russia 14 years, while in Germany it is only 12 years. The degree in which our Army is behind others can only be made up for by activity. I can only sincerely deplore that iron necessity compels us to impose a fresh sacrifice on the German nation. We must preserve and uphold peace abroad, even as far as our strength allows. We shall, perhaps, not stand alone in that position. In this there is no threat, but a guarantee for peace. With weak forces this end cannot be attained." Gen. Von Moltke's speech was received at the close with prolonged cheering.

Herr Reichensperger, of the Centre Party, opposed the bill on the ground that the people's burdens were already sufficiently oppressive. If, however, the measure was absolutely necessary, he hoped the two years' term of service would be adopted.

Herr Von Bennigsen, who said he spoke in the name of an overwhelming majority of National Liberals, approved the bill in its essential features, but recommended that it be referred to a committee. The necessity of preventing any *vacillation in the military organization had, in* 1874, imposed on the Reichstag the duty of renouncing the right of annually sanctioning the military budget, and at present, when no solid majority existed, it was more imperative than in 1874 to proceed in the course then adopted. The growth of French armaments and the Panslavic agitation in Russia rendered the greatest caution indispensable. Prince Bismarck's services in recarding Austria formed an unfading leaf in his glorious crown of laurels. Every party applauded the Austrian alliance.

Herr Buehler opposed the bill.

Herr Treitschk, Social Democrat, spoke in support of the measure, declaring that all party considerations must be ignored for it.

The *North German Gazette* reports that Herr Von Radowitz will replace Prince Hohenlohe as Ambassador during the absence of the latter from Paris. The same journal deprecates the alarmist telegram from Paris in relation to the withdrawal of Prince Hohenlohe.

Count de Saint Vallier, French Ambassador here, gave a dinner at the Embassy to-night, which was attended by the Emperor and Empress of Germany, Princess Bismarck, the principal court dignitaries, Prince Hohenlohe, Count Stolberg-Wernigerode, and Gens. Von Der Goltz and Von Lehndorth.

PARIS, March 1.—The Count de St. Vallier has sent a dispatch to Premier Freycinet, denying the truth of the alarmist reports. Prince Hohenlohe will explain to the French Government the reasons for the change of his position.

ENGLAND'S PLANS IN ASIA.

THE PROPOSED ADVANCE ON GHAZNI—FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS DEPENDENT ON EVENTS.

LONDON, March 1.—A dispatch from Calcutta says: "Gen. Stewart's advance upon Ghazni will probably begin between the 20th and 31st of March. The son of the Khan of Bokhara, who was reported to have arrived at Jalalabad on his way to Peshawar with 140 followers, is probably the same Prince who has been living for some time as a refugee in Kabul."

The *Daily Telegraph* this morning publishes the following note, in a semi-official form: "It is not at present probable that Herat and Seistan will come under Persian rule. It is untrue that Khelat and Cashmere will receive a portion of Afghan territory. It is untrue that England desires to form Merv into a protected State. Kandahar and Kabul may become capitals of independent States, and levies may be raised among Hazaras, Kijilbashis, and other well-affected tribes, but all these future arrangements are dependent on circumstances."

The *Times* this morning says: "It is premature, at present, to consider what the future settlement of Afghanistan will be. Until Ghazni has been subdued it would be imprudent to assume that all prospect of further resistance is at an end, nor until the military part of the undertaking is complete will it be practicable to determine finally the character of the political measures to be based thereon."

THE ALARM IN RUSSIA.

GEN. MELIKOFF'S COMMISSION—THE PROGRAMME FOR CELEBRATING THE CZAR'S ANNIVERSARY.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 1.—The *Agence Russe* says: "Gen. Melikoff is receiving assurance of support from all sides. Prince Gortschakoff visited him and assured him that if his assistance was at any time thought useful, he would, notwithstanding his advanced years, attend the sittings of the Supreme Executive Commission."

The *Vedomosti* says that the female Nihilist agent, Vera Sassulitch, was arrested at the instance of Gen. Trepoff, her intended victim, who recognized her at a theatre.

LONDON, March 1.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "The ceremonies on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Czar's accession to the throne will be very limited. There will be a full-dress reception at noon, which will be followed by the celebration of mass. There will be a military serenade in the evening. All the Generals and officers will assemble at 9:30 o'clock in the evening in the open space fronting the Winter Palace, together with the Admiralty and detachments of soldiers of the various branches of the service. The bands of all the regiments now here will unite with singers from the several divisions of the Guards and 300 drummers, when they will all form a semi-circle before the palace. During the singing of the national anthem a salute of 101 guns will be fired on the opposite bank of the River Neva."

LONDON, March 2.—A Berlin dispatch says the Czar will return to Livadia as soon as the weather permits.

A dispatch from Paris says: "Prince Orloff stated in the Russian Church yesterday that he had received a letter from a Nihilist committee, threatening him with assassination."

A Paris dispatch says Swiss journals deny that Vera Sassulitch has quitted Zurich.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

LONDON, March 1.—At the inquiry into the Tay bridge disaster on Saturday, several molders employed by the contractors of the bridge testified that the quality of the iron used for the castings was very inferior; that the columns were frequently defective, of unequal thickness, cracked and scabbed, and that the cracks and holes were filled with putty or cement and painted over.

The Hull District Bank, limited, has suspended payment. It has a nominal capital of £83,000, of which the paid-up sum is £28,000. The effect of the suspension is entirely local.

A dispatch from Rome to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "The Vatican is dissatisfied with the conduct of the Brazilian Government, and is indisposed to approve the ecclesiastic proposed by the latter for the Bishopric of Olinda. If the Government persists, it is probable that diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Brazil will be broken off."

In the House of Commons to-night, Mr. Stanley, Secretary of State for the War Department, in introducing the Army estimates, said the Government intended to make no change so far as regarded the number of men. He moved a vote of 131,859 men for the Army, which passed. The remaining votes also passed. The Irish Volunteer bill was rejected.

LONDON, March 2.—The following advertisement of the new French Atlantic Cable Company appears in the morning papers: "In reply to numerous inquiries made by senders of American telegrams, this company begs to give notice that as soon as its English lines are completed its tariff will be fixed at 2s. a word for messages to New-York, being a reduction of 33 per cent on the existing rates. The company adopts the two-shilling tariff with the intention of maintaining it without interruption." [Note.—This indicates the failure of the negotiations between the Anglo-American Company and the new company for an identical tariff and working agreement. It is understood that the new company's steamer will leave the Thames during the present week to lay a cable connecting the English with the French wires of the company.]

LEGISLATORS AGAIN AT WORK.

THE FIVE-CENT FARE BILL—REGISTRY LAW FOR SUBURBAN TOWNS—CARTMEN'S CHARGES.

ALBANY, March 1.—Mr. Grosse to-night asked the Assembly to make the Five-cent Fare bill a special order of business for Thursday morning, and not a man voted against his proposition. The bill will no doubt be very freely talked over, and the members of the Railroad Committee will give their reasons for opposing or favoring it. Mr. Gillette and Mr. Wells are outspoken in their opposition, and say they consider the bill an unprovoked attack upon enterprises whose permanence or profitable character has not been established.

It is well known that colonizing of voters has *been practiced to a large extent where towns near to large cities have not been protected by* a registry law. Mr. Alvord has been for some time preparing a bill, which he introduced to-night, and which he believes will cure a great evil. It provides for the registration of voters in all towns bordering on cities having 20,000 inhabitants. It is a somewhat cumbrous bill, as it repeats all the registry provisions now in force in full, so that there shall be no mistake as to its purpose. Mr. Alvord also introduced a bill for the benefit of the 300 Onondaga Indians who remain wards of the State, which provides that they shall be given the fee of their land in severalty and be taken into citizenship and made to feel that they are complete human beings. He also introduced a bill authorizing the manufacture of a crude and coarse salt, not freed from impurities, to be known as agricultural salt, and to be used for fertilizing purposes.

Mr. Treanor introduced a bill whose purpose seems to be to give cartmen the power of compelling citizens to submit to any extortion which the cartmen may be able to impose upon patrons. It allows cartmen, when any refusal is made to pay their charges, to drive a load of furniture or household goods to a storehouse, to be kept until the charge is paid, or sold to pay the charge in dispute. It is, ironically, perhaps, entitled "An act for the better protection of cartmen."

The Sub-committee of the Special Railroad Committee, which had in charge the investigation of the subject of elevated roads, will to-morrow or Wednesday make its report to the Assembly. It will go extensively into the watering of stock, and show that the proposed reduction of fare to 5 cents would not endanger the success of these enterprises to the men who have invested in them. It is expected that every member of the committee will sign the report, as all of them voted last year for the bill to reduce the fare to the lower amount. The committee will take the ground that low fares are the consideration the public is likely to get in return for the franchise bestowed on the corporations, for which they have given no sort of compensation.

STRIKES BEGUN AND ENDED.

ALLENTOWN, Penn., March 1.—The employes of the Little Mill of the Allentown Rolling-mill Company, who struck for higher wages on Thursday last, went to work this morning, their demands having been complied with.

READING, Penn., March 1.—The employes in the rolling-mill of E. & G. Brooke, at Birdsboro, one of the most extensive iron-works in the State, are on strike for higher wages. The strikers also include the men in the nail and plate mill. An advance of 20 per cent. is demanded. The puddlers at the same place have given two weeks' notice of their intention to strike, unless their demand for higher wages is complied with.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 1.—A strike took place to-day among the hands on the extension of the Virginia Midland Railroad, under Cazan & Codwise's contract. It commenced near Barbourville, 28 miles from this place, and continued along the line until it reached Charlottesville, where it was checked by calling *out an armed force of citizens and arresting* about 20 of the leaders, who were committed to jail. There were about 150 men, all colored, engaged in the strike, armed with picks, shovels, &c., and marching from one section to another, forcing those who were at work to cease and strike for higher wages.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., March 1.—The puddlers at Athens's Fishback Rolling-mills struck this morning for an advance of 75 cents per ton.

BOSTON, March 1.—The employes of the Lancaster Woolen Mills, at Clinton, struck to-day for an advance in their wages. A meeting was held, and resolutions passed, explaining the objects of the strike, and adjourning until 1 o'clock to-morrow. The employers have already made an advance, but the strikers demand a still further increase. Unless the strikers return to-morrow, the mills will probably stop, throwing 1,500 persons out of employment.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., March 1.—The miners at work on the improvement of the Hoosac Tunnel, in a central shaft, struck on Saturday night for a reduction in the hours of work from 60 to 58 per week—but their demand was refused by Contractors Galvin and Brennan, and the men returned to work this morning.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 1.—The Vulcan Steel works at Carondelet, a southern suburb of this city, after several months' preparation, were ready to resume operations this morning, but before starting up Superintendent Duncan notified the employes they would be required to sign a contract governing their relations with the company before work commenced. This the employes refused to do, and on being informed that the contract was the company's ultimatum, all the men in the converting, blooming, and rail works immediately struck. The main features of the contract are the men shall work for and be governed by the scale of prices in force at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, at Pittsburg; that they shall not hold the company responsible for accidents; that they, the men, shall be responsible for loss or breakage of tools, &c., and that they shall not join any trades-union or other similar secret society. The agreement to continue one year. The hands in the furnace and departments connected therewith, did not strike, and received on demand an advance of 25 per cent on their wages. Superintendent Duncan says the action of the strikers will not cause any trouble to the company. The strikers say they are willing to work for the same prices paid at Chicago or Joliet, Ill.

IN THE POLITICAL FIELD

A PERTINENT INQUIRY ABOUT CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

JOHN C. GORMAN, OF RALEIGH, WANTS TO KNOW WHAT CIVIL SERVICE ORDER NO. 1 MEANS—HE PRESENTS SOME FACTS TO THE PRESIDENT BEARING ON THE QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—John C. Gorman, of Raleigh, N. C., has written the following open letter to the President:

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26, 1880.

To His Excellency the President:

SIR: On the 29th of January, 1880, a meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee, of the State North Carolina, was held in the City of Raleigh, by which committee and at which time and place delegates at large were chosen to the Republican National Convention, which will meet at Chicago on the 24 of June next. As members of that committee, and participating in its meeting, were William P. Canaday, Collector of Customs at Wilmington; J. J. Mott, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Sixth Collection District of North Carolina, and Pinkney Rolling, a Clerk in the Loan Division of the Treasury Department. These office-holders took part in the deliberations of the committee, in defiance of your civil service order No. 1. As wide publication was given to the fact, and as you have taken no steps to punish such offenders and appear consistent in your announced efforts to purify the civil service and keep Federal office-holders from interfering with the rights of our citizens, in conventions and elections, I write you at the request of many citizens, as well as on my own account, to ask you to do us the favor to tell us what your civil service order No. 1 means. Even a double-headed construction will be some consolation. With great respect, I am your obedient servant, JOHN C. GORMAN.

OVERTURNING THE FUSIONISTS.

LARGE REPUBLICAN GAINS IN MAINE CITY ELECTIONS—DEMOCRATS VOTING THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

BATH, Me., March 1.—A magnificent Republican victory was the result of the municipal election in this city to-day. There were 1,192 Republican votes thrown. Gen. T. W. Hyde and R. S. Hunt were Republican candidates for Mayor, and Gen. Hyde was elected; also, 7 Republican Aldermen and 20 Republican Councilmen were elected. F. B. Torrey, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, voted a full Republican ticket. The result of the city election is a complete rebuke to the great Gangelon steal, which disfranchised this city on technicalities. Many prominent Democrats as*sisted by their votes in securing this grand* result.

PORTLAND, March 1.—The municipal election to-day resulted in the election of William Senter, Republican, by 1,234 majority, in a total vote of 5,370. Last year there was a Fusion majority of 40 in a total vote of 5,844.

At Farmington the Republicans elected all their officers by an average of 100 majority.

Deering, Cape Elizabeth, Bridgeton, Falmouth, Gorham, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Carmel, Fryeburg, and Hiram, all give Republican majorities. Standish gives a Democratic majority.

SKOWHEGAN, March 1.—The town meeting to-day was the largest ever held in Skowhegan. Hiram Stewart, the "counted-out Representative," was elected First Selectman by a vote of 401 to 136. The full Republican board was elected. The board was composed of Fusionists last year.

ELLSWORTH, March 1.—Roscoe Holmes, Democrat, was elected Mayor by 20 majority, the Republicans carring three out of five wards against the combined forces of the Greenbackers and Democrats.

LEWISTON, March 1.—For Mayor, Mr. Day, Republican, received 1,646 votes, and Mr. Pettingill, Fusion, 1,316. The Republicans have elected 4 Aldermen and 13 Councilmen.

AUBURN, March 1.—For Mayor, Mr. Littlefield, Republican, received 1,156 votes, and Mr. Huston, Democrat, 707. The Republicans carry four wards.

GARDINER, March 1.—The Republicans have elected D. C. Palmer Mayor, and nearly all the other city officers.

SACO, March 1.—The Republicans have elected Oliver C. Clark Mayor, by a majority of 165.

ROCKLAND, March 1.—John H. Case, Republican, was elected Mayor to-day by 116 majority over J. F. Hall, Fusionist. The Republicans carried all but one ward, electing 6 Aldermen and 21 Councilmen. It was the largest vote ever polled at a municipal election here.

TILDEN IN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO DEMOCRATIC FACTIONS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The Democratic State Committee will meet at the Monongahela House, Pittsburg, on March 11, to determine upon the time and place for the meeting of the State Convention. This will be the preliminary battle-ground between the Tilden and anti-Tilden factions in Pennsylvania. That Tilden will make a great effort to carry this State cannot be doubted, and his first move was to have the State Committee meet in Pittsburg, where it would be far away from the Bayard influences of the Philadelphia Democrats. But the Philadelphia politicians will attend solidly, and do all in their power to prevent Mr. Tilden's plans being carried out there. The Tilden-Randall idea is to have the State Convention either at Pittsburg or Erie, while the anti-Tilden men want it in Harrisburg. Chairman Miller, of the State Committee, who will be temporary Chairman of the convention, is a Tilden man. If Tilden *can secure the 58 delegates from this State, it* will be a great help to him in the National Convention. But against him the most powerful of the leaders are arrayed. In this city there is Barger, Cassidy, and McGowan, and in the country Wallace, Woolverton, Souden, Singerly, and the men who were in the combination that carried the convention in 1878 against the Tilden influence. Tilden's friends are Speaker Randall, Scott, of Erie, the barrs, of Pittsburg, and Hopkins, of Allegheny. And these are backed up by Squire McMullin, of the Fourth Ward of Philadelphia, who was triumphantly acquitted in the local courts a few weeks ago for shooting a fellow-Democrat.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS.

RICHMOND, Va., March 1.—Judge John T. Lovell, Chairman of the Conservative State Central Committee, will publish a call to-morrow for the meeting of that committee on March 10, for the purpose of issuing a call for a convention of the Conservative Party of Virginia.

HARTFORD GOES REPUBLICAN.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 1.—At a special election to-day Charles C. Strong, Republican, was elected City Treasurer over John H. Brocklesby, Democrat, by a majority of 791.

BURNING OUT SALOON-KEEPERS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—A panic was created this morning in a small village called Temperanceville, on the Monongahela River, about 23 miles from Pittsburg, by the persistent attempts to destroy the place. The village is immediately opposite Monongahela City, which is in the local option County of Washington. The liquor dealers established their head-quarters at Temperanceville, to which place the dipsters, old and young, resorted. About 2 o'clock this morning Markle's Tavern was set on fire and destroyed, with all its contents. A private house adjoining, owned by Frank Mannown, was also consumed. While this fire was in progress, a new house, occupied by Frederick Linton, saloon keeper, was fired, but the flames were extinguished. The incendiary then applied the torch to the building occupied as a saloon by Frederick Lamoy. The first attempt failed, but two hours later a second effort was made, and the building and its contents were destroyed. No clue has been obtained to the perpetrators.

GENERAL RAILWAY NOTES.

WESTERN CONSOLIDATIONS—NEW DENVER AND RIO GRANDE BONDS.

DENVER, March 1.—The Denver and Rio Grande Company is preparing to build a railway to Manitou during the coming Summer. The Grace Greenwood property has been purchased, and will be fixed up in elegant style for the Manitou station.

CHICAGO, March 1.—It is stated on official authority that within 60 days the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw (reorganized) and the Chicago and Paducah (reorganized) will be consolidated with and under the control of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific. The entire departments of these two roads will be merged into the present departments of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific.

GALVESTON, March 1.—The Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railway Company has voted to issue a second mortgage, to meet the arrears of interest on the first mortgage.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—The Kansas City and Memphis Railroad Company advertises for bids to complete the grade to Belton at once.

BOSTON, March 1.—The Harbor and Land Commissioners have refused the increased offer of the New-York and New-England Railroad Company to purchase 25 acres of the South Boston flats, with a view to extending its terminal facilities.

LEADVILLE, March 1.—The trust deed from the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad to Louis H. Myer and John A. Stewart, of New-York, has been filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office. The deed establishes a trust, with Louis H. Myer and John A. Stewart as Trustees, to secure and provide for the issue of bonds, the amount aggregate at one time not to exceed $30,000,000 in value, to be known as the company's first consolidated bonds. The instrument provides that $7,422,500 of this amount shall be used in retiring, paying off, or in substitution and exchange for prior issues, and bonds to the amount of $5,500,000, par value, shall be issued at once for the purpose of building and completing the extensions to Leadville, New-Mexico, the San Juan mines, and other points. The instrument was executed Feb. 12, 1880, in the presence of Judge Noah Davis, of the Supreme Court.

MACON, Ga., March 1.—R. T. Wilson and associates, now possessors of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad to-day at 10 o'clock, with W. M. Johnson, of New-York, as President. Half an hour later E. T. Paine, contestant for the railroad, served an injunction on the purchasers, but was too late.

NEW-JERSEY LAW-MAKING.

EX-GOV. PARKER'S NOMINATION—MANY NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

TRENTON, March 1.—In executive session this evening a motion was made that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of ex-Gov. Parker for Supreme Court Judge, and that the nomination be confirmed. A motion to lay that motion on the table was carried by the votes of the Republican Senators. Twenty bills were presented to the Senate, and nearly 40 to the House to-night. Among them were a new Washington-street bridge bill, two or three railroad bills, and a second bill for the drainage of the Hoboken Meadows in the House. As to the Bridge bill, it may be said that the Central Railroad had withdrawn from the contest, and it will doubtless be defeated. Mr. Patterson's bill, exempting saloon-keepers who sell on Sundays from the operation of the Disorderly House act, and Kreuger's bill, repealing the Sunday laws, were reported without recommendation. The Water bills defeated last week came back into the House, with an amendment exempting cities with water-works from their operation. The bill curtailing the power of the Director at Large was passed after a long debate.

Secretary of State Kelsey sent to the Senate a communication justifying his receiving the old-time fees for the sending of laws to the newspapers. Senator Rabe presented a memorial from the Hoboken authorities complaining that the Riparian Commissioners, for two years, had refused to act on their application for a grant of the water front from the Hoboken Ferry to Sixth-street. The Hoboken Land and Improvement Company claims the water front by prior grant.

TESTIMONY AGAINST BUCHOLZ.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 1.—Dr. M. D. Pardee, the first witness called in the Buchols trial to-day, identified several places of bone which he took from Schulte's skull at the post-mortem examination. The witness explained to the jury where they belonged, using a human skull to illustrate their position. Witness said that he dressed the wounds on Buchols's face on the night of the murder; he found that they were slight scratches, hardly skin deep.

Several practical jewelers were called to testify regarding the probability of the gold watch offered in evidence as belonging to Schulte, being injured by lying under the snow for three months. They gave their opinions that it would not be affected, and stated that they had examined the case carefully, and thought the water could not penetrate to the works.

Benjamin M. Ayres, of South Norwalk, testified that he had walked over the route taken by Buchols and Schulte on the night of the murder. It took 18½ minutes from the depot to the first fence; from there to where the body was found, 1 minute. From where the body lay he ran to the Warring house in 1 minute and 18 seconds. The time occupied in going the whole distance was 20 minutes and 48 seconds. This included stopping where the body was found long enough to commit the deed, and going to the barn near the house. This was done as an experiment, at the suggestion of the State Attorney, the State's theory being that Bucholz had plenty of time to commit the deed, go to the barn, hide the pocket-book, and reach the house at the time he did.

A GOOD DEED REMEMBERED.

BUTLER, Penn., March 1.—About a year and a half ago Eugene O'Keefe, of Jamestown, N. Y., opened a clothing store at Millerstown, Penn. He made a little money, and, investing it in an oil-well, rapidly increased his capital until he was worth, according to the local estimate, $20,000 or $25,000. Last Fall he was prostrated with a disease of the lungs, and, being single and having no relatives in the place, suffered for a time for lack of proper care. Miss Mary E. Logan, who kept a restaurant near O'Keefe's

printed on gold-edged cards, resting on silk and adorned with the tri-color, was laid beside every plate. It was as follows:

[Gout d'ceuf aux nids.—"Lacrim Christi Gambino."]

MENU.

Huîtres.
Potages.
Consommé Sultane. Crème d'asperges, Princesse.
Varié. Nova d'Ivre. Varié.
Timbales à la Parlementaire.
Relevés.
Saumon, sauce Printanière. Bœuf à la Conti.
Filet de bœuf, Rossini.
Entrées.
Suprêmes de volaille, Lucullus.
Côtelettes d'agneau à la Sévigné.
Salmi de bécassines, Lithuanienne.
Sorbet.
Montmorency.
Rôtis.
Canvasbacks and Pigeonneaux.
Entremets.
Petits pois. Tomates farcies. Artichauts.

Pâte de glace ananaise. Après de fête gras Bellevue.
Galantine de poulet aux truffes.
Vollée de faisan Anglais.
Sucrie.
Ombre aux ananas.
Gelée Printaière. Lait d'amandes, rubané.
Gaufret Chastilly, Galeaux: Sicilienne and Vivienne.
Napolitaine. Biscuits glacé.
Fruits and Dessert.
Café.

1 Mars, 1880. DELMONICO.

From this moment until 9:30 nothing engaged attention except the good eating and drinking. Just about this hour, however, Mme. De Lesseps appeared in the gallery overlooking the hall from which Bernstein's band had been discoursing music all the evening; and at the sight of the lady the guests, nearly all of them, rose to their feet and cordially applauded, to which the Countess bowed a graceful and smiling acknowledgment. A few minutes after this episode Dr. Storrs rose, and then the intellectual exercises of the evening commenced.

ADDRESS OF THE REV. DR. STORRS.

The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, the Chairman of the meeting, was greeted with hearty applause as he arose to open the intellectual repast, which was no less notable than the repast of the senses which had preceded it. He began his remarks with a reference to the presence of Mme. De Lesseps and some other ladies, who had just come into the dining hall, saying: "Gentlemen and—since our eyes have rejoiced to see these more ethereal figures that have come to grace our assembly—I venture to say, ladies and gentlemen: We have gladly assembled this evening to offer our hearty and admiring welcome, the welcome of all American citizens whom we may be held in any sense to represent, to the very distinguished man who has done us the honor to become our guest. With his patriotic sensibility, it cannot but be gratifying to him to feel that this welcome has in it naturally more of the sentiments of honor and of pleasure because we greet him as one of the most distinguished living representatives of a great and gallant nation to which we are bound by many ties [Applause] which was the earliest and constant friend of our Republic in its struggle, years ago in our own strenuous struggle for national existence, the splendor and the tragedy of whose subsequent career have filled Christendom with its renown; which is the only great power in Europe that holds the faith and maintains the form of that republican government which, to us, is venerable and dear. [Applause.] A hundred years ago last January, Washington wrote from Morristown to a distinguished officer of the American Army, then contemplating an important military movement, that the state of the Army was such that all him with the most anxious and alarming fear. Half starved, imperfectly clothed, and riotous in spirit, it was impossible, in his judgment, to enter upon any military enterprise with troops in such a condition. A few weeks later then that the Marquis de Lafayette, then in Paris, on the eve of his second departure for America, wrote to Benjamin Franklin, then representing our Colonies in Paris: "From the Minister of War and the Minister of Foreign Affairs I get the most positive assurances that 15,000 stand of arms, with the same number of accoutrements, will be soon delivered for the use of the American Army, and safely conveyed. I have made it a point to carry with me about 4,000 complete suits of clothes for the Army. In consequence of positive Ministerial assurances, I make no doubt that this year we will have the same convoy for the remaining 6,000 suits, which are to be made at Nantes." That letter was written 100 years ago yesterday on the 29th of February, 1780. It has been a long time in coming to us, but it comes in good time, if to our guest it adds another sparkle to the welcome of this evening by assuring him that we cherish the souvenire of the past and that we are bound by affectionate ties to that gallant and grand nation which was our early friend. [Applause.] But whatever his nationality, Austrian, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Swiss, or Swedes, we would welcome him for the personal qualities which we and all others recognize in him, for the fine and extraordinary intelligence which the world has learned to appreciate, for the heroic humanity with which his name was identified in Spain almost 40 years ago, for the liberal sentiment and the liberal feeling and principle which he manifested when the representative of his country at the Court of Rome, for the unsullied—we may almost say the fastidious—integrity with which he has been content with an honorable competence when he has been passing millions through the hands of other nations, for the great work which he has accomplished for civilization in opening the Isthmus of Suez, bringing the East and the West nearer together, and seeming actually to shorten the daily path of the sun. [Applause.] In the house of the family of Galvani, at Bologna, stands a tablet with a record which may be roughly translated, "I resolved Galvani at his birth; I mourned him at his death; by whose discovery the poles are joined. We trust it will be long before any tablet will be needed to record the achievements and to celebrate the character of our illustrious guest; but whenever it is placed, it will recite the fact that against all natural obstacles, against the sluggish timidity of capital, against the hostile opinions and sometimes even the scientific conservatism, against the reluctance and the resistance of peoples and of Governments, after a steadfast and victorious struggle of 15 years, he compelled the Red Sea and the Mediterranean to mingle their waters in the midst of the desert, and brought Lower Egypt and Bombay as a mate for other across the Bitter Lakes of Suez. [Applause.]

THE MISSION OF DE LESSEPS.

But, of course, gentlemen, we understand that our present is not concerned with any past achievement, and has not come to this country upon a tour of pleasant general observation, but with reference to the greatest physical work yet remaining to be accomplished upon the planet; perhaps for the final liberation of the commerce of the world. It is a work worthy of his powers and his aspiration and which, being accomplished, is to make not only his name illustrious, but the century memorable in the annals of the world. Of course, there are many questions connected with this subject open to us by his invitation, which it is hardly needful or proper for us to discuss. It is not doubted that we should entertain questions of engineering for example. I remember to have heard it said once upon strong legal authority—that was excellent fun I thought—whether it was equally good law or not whether it would be constitutional—that rivers and streams are often called laughing brooks, there would seem to be no legal tors involved in providing diversion for any water-course. [Laughter and applause.] Whether any amount of diversion will convert the roaring and turbulent Chagres River into a laughing brook is for M. De Lesseps and the experts associated with him to say. There are monetary and commercial questions as to whether capital sufficient will be raised, whether it will prove a profitable, remunerative investment. Our honored guest is confident on both these points, and, remembering his past successes, it would be a bolder man than I am who should venture to question the correctness of his judgment. But it is a question upon which we need not enter unless there happens to be some gentleman present with a hundred and twenty millions about him in regard to which he would ask our judgment as to their investment. [Laughter.] There are grave political and diplomatic questions involved. In 1825 as we know it was proposed that the allied powers in Europe were threatening the re-establishment of monarchical institutions on this side of the ocean in Cuba and Peru, in Mexico and California. At that time therefore, President Monroe, in his Message of December, incorporated the declaration which it had to have been suggested by Mr. Canning, and to have been written by Mr. John Quincy Adams, to the effect that the United States would regard any attempt on the part of those allied powers to extend their system to any part of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety, and as intimating an unfriendly disposition on their part toward us. I am not aware that that has ever been formulated into law by any act of Congress. I suppose that it expressed at that time, and expresses still, in its vigorous political significance the steadfast and unswerving judgment and will of the American people. Whether that memorable declaration is in any necessary conflict with a commercial enterprise undertaken and conducted by private persons without any political aspirations, with no governmental complication, an enterprise initiated and advanced in the great Republic of Europe and hailed with enthusiastic welcome by the great Republic of Central and Southern America, we anticipate half of whose capital stock is subscribed in the cities of America, and the whole of the major part of which may be owned on this side of the Atlantic next year or in the future year is a question about which there may possibly be difference of opinion, but upon which it is not necessary for us to enter. As to the diplomatic powers which may be invoked, it seems to American citizens the equal and free right to the navigation of the canal if it should be completed, is as much a right as belongs to the flag already belonging to the Suez Canal, by which I have said it is stated that the hostile man-of-war of belligerent powers have been sent lying side by side, as harmless as each other as two old canal boats in the Erie Basin—so to speak—and that it will be accorded to our flag, if we have a right to the Government, we should know the orders, precedents, and diplomatic skill of our distinguished Secretary of State sufficiently well to be content to leave such questions with him. I do not doubt that it will be duly open to us, if we do not, we shall take care that we do so, in the skillful hands of our Secretary of State.

ADDRESS OF MONSIEUR VIEIRA.

The speaking then commenced on canal by Monsieur Vieira, the well-known and distinguished

in its relation to an inspiring past and to an illustrious future. It has the push of 50 years of incessant advance behind it. Dating that time as we know, the embodiment of skill, the credit and the public enterprise of Europe and of America have been converging all the time toward making intercommunication, to which reference was made in the prayer, more sure and rapid between different districts of the same country, between different countries of the same continent, between different continents of the same hemisphere, and between the hemispheres. The railway system—it has dissolved the Appennines, and made Italian unity possible—the dream of 600 years realized in a day! it has bound together the Austrian, it has bound together the German Empire. It links Havre, Calais and Paris with Nice and Marseilles, the mouth of the Loire with the mouth of the Rhone. It overleaps England so quickly that you can hardly insert a pin point between the lines which represent it on the map. In our own country it makes neighbors of Maine and Texas, of the Hudson and the Rio Grande; it overleaps the alkali plain, levels the mountains, and brings the Bay of New-York and the Golden Gate within a week of each other. At the same time steamships—the sea—great shuttles flying back and forth—have been making the hemisphere satisfied, weaving the web of international and intercontinental relations, robbing voyages of half their danger and half their discomfort. And the telegraphic system enables the merchant and banker in Mr. Cunningham's hem to transmit his thought and will almost instantaneously around the world. Civilization has been doing in other words, precisely what the Roman Empire did when it flung out its great avenues to Gaul, to Spain, to the Lower Danube, to the Steppes of the Hellespont, to the Cataracts of the Nile, only that American civilization has been doing this, not for imperial aggrandisement, but for the multiplication of sources of wealth and peace, and power, for bringing nations to know each other better, for the advancement of liberty and for the extension of the Christian faith. [Applause.] It is only in the line, then, gentlemen, you observe, of this immense and brilliant advance so that wherever a natural barrier interposes itself to the progress of commerce, enterprise and skill, strike it to pierce it, to surpass it, to abolish it. The Suez Canal, to which reference has been made, is the most signal illustration of this endeavor successfully. The water way planned by our guest across the Isthmus of Darien is another smaller link in the same chain of progress—and the Asian railway—to bring India and Europe nearer. Italy and France not content with following lines of railway over the Alps, struck the Mont Cenis to cut through it that tremendous channel of eight miles and more, through which, no doubt, many of us have swiftly ridden, through which the trains of travel and of traffic slide all the time in strangest contrast with the fierce swirling storage by which men of old climbed the mountain on one side and descended on the other—that and the Channel of St. Gothard, the tidings of the completion of which have come to us only this day, the longer channel through the harder rock, have brought the lakes of the four cantons and the Italian lakes, Maggiore and Como, within a few hours' easy ride of each other. [Applause.] You remember perhaps, the story that is told of our eminent and favored American philosopher—Mr. Emerson. I don't know that it is true, but it has certainly an air of verisimilitude. That he was once asked on the street by an ardent disciple of the Second Advent theory, who broke upon him with the astonishing information that the world was to be destroyed in a few months. "Well, what matter," said the meditative man to the philosophic mind, "you know the planet has always been in the nature of an obstruction. We shall get on perfectly well without it." [Laughter.]

To the commercial mind obstructions are fast disappearing, and while we could not get on well without the planet, perhaps it is likely to become for the purposes of commerce, a smooth surface. Our guest comes here, as I have said, with reference to the last and grandest work of this kind remaining to be accomplished—the piercing of the isthmus of rock which divides the oceans and gives the continents 2,500 miles to the south of us. Of course, it is not a new conception. He has himself referred, I observe, to the plan which Philip II. once adopted and afterward abjured, looking toward the piercing of that isthmus. I believe it is an authentic fact that Charles V. still earlier contemplated the same thing, and there is one fact which I have never seen referred to which perhaps indicates that at an earlier time than that the same thought had entered the minds of men. If there is any European geographer whom America ought to hold in honor it is Johannes Schoener, of Nuremberg, who first applied the name America to this continent in a book published by him—which I had the pleasure of reading a few days ago—in the year 1515. Johannes Schoener in the year 1520, the year in which Magellan discovered the straits which bear his name, he here says, he had heard that a discovery could have arrived in Europe, constructed a globe which one still sees in the City Library of Nuremberg, upon which the Isthmus of Panama is plainly marked with a line carefully and sharply drawn across it as if to represent Schoener's belief that there was a strait there, or if there was not, that there certainly ought to be, and man might be trusted at last to cut it. Three hundred and sixty years ago the prophecy on that globe was traced. Our Government, as you know, has made several careful and courtly explorations tending at last toward the preference on the part of the American people and officers for the Nicaraguan route through the San Juan and the lake. M. De Lesseps believes a channel can be cut, a tide-level canal without locks, 30 feet in depth, at a reasonable cost, within a reasonable time, through the 46 miles that divide Aspinwall from Panama; that it can be done with even less difficulty than was involved in the construction of the Suez Canal, and he throws himself with French enthusiasm and with French and Dutch science against that rocky barrier, determined to conquer it. [Applause.] At the age of 74, when most men are retiring from active affairs, he undertakes to lower the ridges and through the eleven chasm of 12 hills to open a channel, along whose level and liquid ways the products of the earth in fruitful interchange shall slide undisturbed back and forth. [Applause.]

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TASK.

Gentlemen, I bow in admiration before the genius which determines to make a reality of the dreams of centuries. [Applause.] I think of the immense relations of that work to the civilization of our western country, the western coast of America from the northernmost point of Alaska to the southernmost point of Chili. I think of its relation to the civilization of the great Eastern Empires, which we shall have soon to call the Western Empires, of China and Japan. [Applause.] I think of its relation to the commerce of the world, whose ships are to be seen, when this is finished, flocking over every sea toward that narrow line, as doves flock to their windows. I think that there is no interest on earth in a civilized country, of industry, of invention, of commerce, of Christian philanthropy, of missionary effort, which is not to be facilitated by that work accomplished. I see in it the fulfillment of the dream of Columbus himself, who sailed from Spain that he might find a straight pass over the ocean to the Indies, and that, we say, conscious of all the responsibility of the statement that there is, in my mind, no grander enterprise for the consulters and the civilization of the world that has been undertaken since that Summer day when the visionary enthusiast of Spain set sail from Palos. The American people are fond of great conceptions. It is born in their blood; it is nourished by their history; it is stimulated by the configuration of the country and its vast expanses, and by the vital and quickening air which we inhale. The American people, in my judgment, will take this great conception, determined that their interests, which are many and are vital, shall be carefully consulted and conserved in the accomplishment of this enterprise. But, rejoicing that it is apparently now creeping toward its success, and ready with a unanimous and hearty welcome, of which ours is only the foretaste and the prophecy, for this man who sits so quietly by my side, with no retinue, no Army, no Navy, behind him, but with all the pressure of modern civilization for his helper, and with that quiet hand laid hold now on the levers of history. [Applause.]

ADDRESS OF MR. BIGELOW.

"The United States," the first regular toast, was responded to by the Hon. John Bigelow. He said the subject was so comprehensive that if he were to attempt to do it justice his hearers would tire of the speaker. The relations of the United States and its people to the monumental enterprise with which the name of M. De Lesseps was associated in his visit to this country would seem to make it more fitting that some one in authority should respond to the toast. But freedom from responsibility sometimes confers freedom of speech, and that was the case to-night. In fact, he believed that one of the secondary motives of this entertainment was that the people of New-York might have a free talk in regard to this enterprise and its commercial and other interests involved. One of his earliest recollections in his youthful geographical studies was that in looking at a chart of the American continent he was led to wonder whether there was not some river passing through that little strip of land from Mexico across the Isthmus of Darien. It seemed, however, that Providence had reserved the accomplishment of the work of cutting the Isthmus until the science and commercial and financial advancement of our age had reached the necessary and feasible. Referring to the political aspect of the question, however, he was never contented that in this scheme of De Lesseps we should be in some way surrendering that vital political principle to which we had given the name of the "Monroe doctrine"—a doctrine which has never been formulated into law or any constitutional amendment. The popular view of the Monroe doctrine is that which is the sisterhood of American States would make common cause against any attempt by any non-American to deprive any one of them of its authority or impair its sovereignty. That was the popular view of it here, and was believed to be the view entertained by Peru, Chili, Nicaragua, and Colombia, though they call it by a different name. This decision early and end in the season, which, perhaps, of all the distinguished guest of this evening, would think too one moment of speculating for any scheme in the interests of commerce. This doctrine, no doubt, was a very important one, but what had it to do, with the construction of a new and absolutely valuable artery of commerce through the territory of our sister State of Colombia, when it is done with her approbation? Would not the obstruction of such a work by any other power be an interference with the sovereignty of Colombia? Would it not be a violation of the Monroe doctrine, as against her? The same principle of the rule of this policy in his opinion, constituted the joining of our will for sister States whenever we or any of our sister States can throughout for the sake of other foreign powers. Surely, he had heard that our European friends had built this canal, provided the use of it was secured to all nations. And when the work was done, what was it? It was not a mere enterprise, nothing but a canal, and would afford no belligerent power in the world, any advantage, unless it be the States of America. It certainly would not render the United States less competent to repel foreign aggression. Toward this portion of Mr. Bigelow's speech of the part of conversation and laughter became so great in the chamber that his remarks became inaudible, and after the Chairman had vainly attempted to command quiet, Mr. Bigelow sat down, saying, "I hope to be excused from continuing the line of my argument when the people present are so manifestly averse to hearing it."

RESPONSES BY FOREIGN MINISTERS.

"France and our Sister Republics in America" was the second toast announced, and was responded to successively by Señors Arcesmena, Minister of the Colombian Republic to the United States, and Zamacona, Minister from the Republic of Mexico. Señor Arcesmena said the conditions under which America and France and the sister Republics of America were joined in national sympathy and colleague as well as commercial interest to-day were vastly different from those of 100 years ago. France was no longer in the power of the Bourbons or of the Napoleons, but was a Republic the core. It was from France and from revolutions that the States of South America learned the rights of man to be free and to strike for liberty; it was from France that they learned their first lessons in politics, and afterward when the American Revolution succeeded, another and greater example was given to people who wished to be free, and then came the series of great changes which the world had since witnessed from despotism to liberal government and these two great examples—America and France—all the South American Republics seemed disposed to follow. As for their political institutions, he would not say much here—the term of a President in Colombia was two years, and they could re-elect him as often as they pleased. [Laughter.] In fact, it might be very wrong—here to state all the liberal principles which they had put into practice. He would close, however, by saying he hoped to see the success of this newest enterprise—the transisthmian canal.

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ADDRESS OF M. DE LESSEPS.

The President then announced the special toast of the evening, "Our honored, our welcome Guest," and as the applause burst forth he announced M. Ferdinand De Lesseps. After the orchestra had mingled the "Marseillaise" and "Hail Columbia," M. De Lesseps said: "Gentlemen—(in English)—and immediately dropping into his own language—(French)—I am overwhelmed by the eloquence of your illustrious President, and desire to add only a word, if I should be able, to his remarkable and eloquent discourse. In speaking of the great question which he has discussed, I would emphasize, with the enthusiasm of a Frenchman, the importance of this undertaking, and the certainty of success. I shall assure the President of your great Republic that in all issues arising out of the negotiations to take place I shall place my sympathies on the side of America, and insist upon her pre-eminence in the settlement of any possible complications; as being the nation the most vitally interested. Science has declared in favor of the canal. I am science, or rather I follow science, [applause,] and I promise to place America in a position where 25 years from this day she shall be the leader of the seas. I warmly hope that she will see fit to take an active part in the administration of this enterprise, and show her faith in it by subscribing for the largest portion of the shares. And now I thank you for the complimentary words you have uttered, and for the kindness shown me, (which I shall remember all my life, and shall look back with pleasure on this reception, at which I represented science, civilization, and liberty. I came here only to enlighten you in this matter, and shall then go to Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco, and, finally, with renewed thanks to America, again to the hope that America will come forward heartily and help in the proposed scheme which shall promote the commerce of nations. [Loud applause.]

MAYOR COOPER'S REMARKS.

In response to the toast—"The City of New-York, the Metropolis of the New World," a close ally with all the apostles of progress"—Mayor Cooper spoke as follows: A city that does not extend a hospitable welcome to great men and great ideas cannot itself be accounted as great, and if it be really great, it will be sure to welcome them. The highest compliment which can be offered to it, St. Paul, when he told the Athenians from Mars Hill that they were "superstitious," and our illustrious guest, when, the other day, he characterized our engineering enthusiasts as "audacious," both felt that there was a vitality in this idea which gave it a spontaneous expression. We thank M. De Lesseps that he has come hither to explain his great plans, because it implied that he believes New-York to be great enough to appreciate his comprehensive ideas for the development of universal commerce. It would be strange, indeed, under any circumstances, New-York did not extend the full measure of its hospitality to M. De Lesseps, who, of all living men, is the embodiment of the ideas which has given to this City its primacy among the cities of America. The ideas and the genius of Clinton, with the genius, energy, and indomitable will of the most illustrious of my predecessors in office, De Witt Clinton, has made New-York the centre of the enterprise, capital, and civilization of the Western World. From the day when the Erie Canal was finished New-York could not help but feel that it became cosmopolitan. Of this the proof is furnished to-night, when the home of Clinton receives the world-renowned constructor of the Suez Canal as altogether worthy to be ranked with the great benefactor of the Empire State, by whose genius it have been made the commercial metropolis of the Western Union, we fear not even those who bring us gifts. But New-York is as loyal as she is liberal. While she accepts great ideas with the same alacrity that she welcomes great men, she is true, as she ever has been, to the traditions of her fathers and to the policy which has made our Republic as great as it is free. To that policy, when deliberately expressed by the voice of the nation, New-York will yield a loyal assent, and it will be sustained, at whatever cost to her commercial interests, by all her citizens, in whose behalf I have the honor to propose and to assure our distinguished guest of the high esteem in which they hold him and his undertakings. That there may never be any antagonism between them and our national policy is I am sure, not only the earnest desire of M. De Lesseps but of every person who joins in this tribute of respect and admiration to one who has accomplished undertakings so beneficial as to entitle him to the gratitude of mankind.

ADDRESS OF MR. A. A. LOW.

Mr. A. A. Low, in responding to the toast of "Commerce, the Handmaid of Benevolent Civilization," said that a proper consideration of so grand a theme would necessitate an inquiry into the varying conditions which have attended the progress of the human race; an inquiry into the variation of climate and diversities of production which distinguish different parts of the globe; and an inquiry into the extent an interchange of the necessaries, and of the useful things of life has contributed to the welfare and happiness of mankind. "It would be impossible, within the limits of a brief address," continued he, "to discuss the comparative weight of the different forces which have been at work during all the centuries, and acting together, for the improvement and elevation of the human race. But, in every important movement affecting the interests of man, commerce has filled a most important part. At the outset it has been the ally of the adventurous navigator, as it has been the motive power which has sent him abroad upon strange seas, in quest of lands before unknown. At another period it has opened the doors of empire to the arms of the conqueror, after scattering a way, only less than regal, over peoples that have been numbered by hundreds of millions. Again, it has cleared the way for the messenger of life and of light to the destitute, not unfrequently providing the only means by which the missionary could obtain passage to the outlying parts of the world. While its own methods are naturally tranquilizing and peaceful, commerce has less strength to the arm of the soldier and imparted vigor to war—war sometimes waged for noble ends, and, also, too often in a bad cause. Commerce, intended by God to diffuse and exchange the fruits of the earth and the products of human skill among the different peoples of the globe, has at times not only been aggressive in spirit, but practically hostile to the promulgation of religious truth—neutralizing the labors of the missionary by benefitting the traders, weakening the Christian sentiment of peoples to it a bad example. Nor have nationalities been wise to blame that the merchant in search of gain, when imparting imperial sanction to a traffic in a deleterious drug, has sought to make it, by the revenue it yields, actually to destroy, human life, that purchase a beneficent institution to evil ends. But I would not dwell upon abuses naturally resulting from a law of imperfection that is incident to human nature. It is far pleasanter to contemplate the good than the evil, which, to a great extent, is the result of the latter. Let us ask how many institutions which are a blessing to man, owe their origin to the public spirit of the opulent—to those who have been enriched in the paths of trade and commerce; what schools and colleges have been founded; what hospitals and public and private buildings established; what galleries of art; what beautiful provisions has time rendered the dispensation of charity in manifold ways; what costly edifices raised for the worship of God. Every land and every sea has been made tributary to our great City—the waters of the ocean with the waters of Asia; let it bring manifold increase of the commerce and comforts of life, and let this are only, not for a day, but forever, let the nations salute each other as they pass and repass; but let the blood of man never mix in the streets or the waves of its inflowing seas. So let it add another to the agencies of civilization and take one more stride toward "the good time coming." And if the illustrious Frenchman, whose genius and indomitable will have opened the gates of the East through the sands of Egypt, shall yet open the gates of the West through the Cordilleras of Darien, he will earn a new title, greater even than the old, to the admiration and the gratitude of the generations to come.

ADDRESS OF THE REV. DR. BELLOWS.

When the applause which greeted the close of Mr. Field's speech had stopped, Dr. Storrs gave the next toast: "The Instrument of Science in America," and called upon Dr. Bellows. The rising of the reverend gentleman was cordially greeted. He said he rejoiced with all his heart to see the distinguished guest of the evening, who, when he rose to speak, carried him back to those times of his youth—the very year, he believed, when the Centre Schoolhouse was built in Lenox, the town which sent to the children of the common schools to Boston. "He (the speaker) could almost see in the lineaments of M. De Lesseps the features of the gallant Lafayette, the friend of America. [Applause.] He rejoiced in the sight of the pilot who, before him, for to him is the sight of the pilot who, before him, for to him it was the sight of the pilot who, before him, for to him it was the sight of the pilot who, before him, for to him it was

SELLING A DEAD MONKEY

A DISMANTLED MUSEUM SOLD BY AUCTION.

A GHOST SHOW, A NUNNERY, AND THE GODDESS OF LIBERTY ALL UNDER THE AUCTIONEER'S HAMMER—THE MONKEY'S SAD FATE.

Passengers by the Third-avenue elevated railroad have for some time been amused by a beautiful work of art in front of a building in the Bowery, representing a flock of sheep and maple playing hide-and-seek in a grave-yard. Behind this huge piece of canvas, somewhere, was a museum, with monkeys, wax-figures, giants, and other curiosities. There are still enough inquisitive countrymen to make the lives of the giants and living skeletons lives of ease and comfort, and the museum did well enough financially, but the owners did not agree, and the concern was put in the hands of a Receiver, to be sold by auction. There is necessarily a great deal of mystery connected with the ghost show, and one of the mysteries of this one was the names of its owners. Among the numerous persons who were said to be the proprietors, the most frequently named were Messrs. Bruce, McSlahzan, and Norman. Another of the mysteries was the reason for the sale. Several men, who seemed pretty much at home in the museum, said that some of the parties desired to have gambling in the building, but that the others were opposed to this; so they agreed to sell out and separate.

The museum was in a large room in the second story of the building, and occupied, also, several smaller apartments. Yesterday was the day appointed for the sale, and the place looked bare and desolate enough. The giant was gone, and his chair was empty; the Circassian woman, the Australian boys, the Aztec children, (who are said to be idiotic boys from some little town in Ohio,) the tattooed man, all were away, and what was left looked as if it needed dusting. A deserted museum is a dismal place, and the big American eagle, that was tied under one of the tables, looked as if he wanted a handkerchief to cry in. The only cheerful thing in the place was a monkey skeleton, and his poor mortal remains lay stretched out in the case. The hall was half full before the hour named for the sale, 11:30, but most of the people present looked as if they not only could not buy a museum, but could not even gain admission free, unless they could slip past the door-keeper. If museums had been selling for a dollar apiece the most of these people couldn't have bought an empty case; they saw the red flag hanging at the front door, and went in, for it cost nothing. The auctioneer had hardly mounted the stage and lubricated his throat before the last lot, a Mr. Sherwood, announced that he would sell the whole show, and not sole. Then other people came forward and claimed little articles that they said should not be sold, till it seemed as if the auctioneer would soon have nothing left to dispose of; but the dead monkey, among the other articles, was knocked off to a lot of painting, several guineas, and a piano. At length the sale began—"terms cash; all goods to be removed before 3 P. M." This part of the programme looked a little shaky, for it was hardly to be supposed that anybody could buy a museum at a high noon and have everything moved out of the building before 3 o'clock. The auctioneer asked for a bid for the entire concern, and somebody offered $25 for the lot. It looked as if this might possibly be increased to $30, or even $35, and that this bid would buy the property.

The first article sold was a lot in this museum was a little different from anything sold by auction in New-York for a long time. There were 63 lots. The list led off, very properly, with the big painting on the front of the building that always looked as if it must have been painted by a very near-sighted artist. Lot No. 2 was "a painted cigar welcome," and the following two lots were also "painted cigar welcomes." These mysterious articles were not exposed to view, and will have to be left entirely to the imagination of the reader. A gas-stove, a pair of "green shades," the catalogue said, a painting of "mountain scenery, and a "commorama" followed in quick succession. Then came a lot of stuffed birds and animals that were poked in odd nooks and corners all about the building; railings, chairs, stage carpets, and tables. Lot 11 included 25 small shields, 15 medallions, a clock, a stove, more painted canvas, and an endless lot of chairs, another railing, and the disputed piano; a rare lot of stuff for an unparticular person who kept an old curiosity shop.

Lot No. 42 was "one ghost show, nearly clean, stage, and carpet." The ghost show, also, was invisible. It was stored away in one of the back rooms, and intending purchasers had to take the ghosts on faith. There was a trunk and wardrobe, perhaps the wardrobe of one of the more frisky ghosts. No. 44 was, "One painting Goddess of Liberty." The Goddess of Liberty, as we all know, took sick and died long ago; but if she could come back and see this painting she would weep. The next lot contained "25 shields of different States," most of them apparently representing a great state by illustrating the absence of varnish. Then came the monkey, stark and stiff, also, wrapped in death's cold embrace, and waiting only to be carried to the tomb. Then came two "green shades," statuettes followed, representing ladies of the Revolutionary era, when ladies had very yellow complexions, and wore their eyes entirely out of plumb, and had only one ear, and could see themselves in faded silk. Lot 49 was a "stuffed alligator," and the stuffed alligator stood on the bench by the wall, with his four legs pointing toward the four big points of the compass, and his ears laid back very flat. Elans are very rare animals. They are sometimes taken from blocks of ice floating down the Amazon, and it is impossible to tame them. A good stuffed elan, filled with $10 or $12 worth of stuffing, is sometimes worth as much as $4 or $5. One bench was the next lot, with a lot of empty cages standing on it—perhaps the same bench that is usually used in the Park museum for the purpose. Then came a lot of armed figures of gentlemen—at least, of persons in dressers—and then came a model of Central Park, and another of the East River bridge. If the Central Park were laid out anything on the plan of the model, an athletic person might stand on one of the islands in the lake and tip over a row-boat with its occupant, and demolish the bridges every time. The model of the East River bridge showed that the structure as it may appear to some of our great grandchildren, if they live to a ripe old age—somewhere about the year 2,000. A printing press was included in the catalogue, and a "Chinese lady frame, and a lot of the oil regions, showing a great many very large buildings that might just as well have been labeled "Venice under the full moon." More painted canvas followed, and another small stage, and another railing; then, "a large cage, 1 monkey, and 1 raccoon." Then followed lot No. 7, "small cage and table, guinea pig, musk-rat, and woodchuck." These animals, especially the two last-named, are extremely rare. No museum is really complete without a musk-rat and a woodchuck, and their presence helped along the sale wonderfully. Then came a cage and parrot, another stove, more chairs, "1 lot type," "1 setter, 1 pointer, 1

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FIFTH-AVENUE—The Pirates of Penzance.
BOOTH'S THEATRE—Humpty Dumpty.
MADISON-SQUARE THEATRE—Hazel Kirke.
WALLACK'S THEATRE—The College Days.
NIBLO'S GARDEN—Pinafore.
DALY'S THEATRE—The Royal Middy.
HAVERLY'S THEATRE—The Brook.
THEATRE COMIQUE—Mulligan Guards' Surprise.
SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS—Variety.
STANDARD THEATRE—Hiawatha.
NEW-YORK AQUARIUM—Parisian Circus. Matinée.
PARK THEATRE—A Fool and His Money.
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CHAPEL OF THE MESSIAH—Lecture.

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, clear or fair weather, colder northerly shifting to warmer southerly winds, stationary followed by falling barometer.

When M. De Lesseps appeals to the capitalists of Europe to furnish him with the trifling sum needed to pierce the isthmus, he can, at least, declare with the utmost confidence that there is in the United States no public sentiment worthy of the name which favors any interference with the project on political grounds. The eminent and fairly representative speakers at last night's dinner closed the accumulation of testimony on that point, and did it in a way to leave but little room for debate. It would, doubtless, be of more material assistance to M. De Lesseps could he go to the European Bourses with the assurance that half the capital he needs would be furnished on this side of the Atlantic. All the *éclat* which the Panama project has gained from the continuous fêting of its author will not, however, convince the American investor that he cannot make a better use of his money. The canal will be constructed, if at all, by the money of people who have not at their own doors a large assortment of productive enterprises, yielding a high rate of profit.

It is not at all improbable that the rule under which Speaker Randall has so inexorably suppressed the Greenback resolution of Mr. Weaver will, some day, be employed to plague its inventors. The Speaker's rule is that when several members are contending for the floor, he will recognize the representative of a committee rather than one who desires to speak on some general aspect of public business. Yesterday Mr. Randall had eight different applications from committees to be recognized to make a motion to suspend the rules, and the irrepressible Weaver was calmly informed that all these must be exhausted before he could have a chance to be heard. With the certainty before him that each successive Monday of the session can be occupied without difficulty by representatives of committees having "important public business" to place before the House, Mr. Weaver may as well postpone the offering of his resolutions till the Greek Kalends. He can, however, enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that the cowardice and evasion which prompt the leaders of both parties to apply to him a thoroughly unparliamentary gag will do him and his coadjutors a good deal more service at the polls than a frank and fair disposal of his resolution by a vote of the House.

The Committee of Ways and Means of the House have authorized their Chairman to report a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to maintain a reserve, "to guarantee the parity of United States notes," equal to 4 per cent. of those notes, and to expend the surplus revenues not required for this reserve in the purchase of bonds for the sinking fund. This bill would require a reserve of about $139,000,000. It is on its face a considerable improvement on anything which the present majority in Congress has shown any inclination to pass, since, heretofore, its disposition has been rather to impair than to maintain the redemption reserve. But it must not be forgotten that the silver already in the Treasury would form nearly 60 per cent. of the reserve named in the bill, and that the proportion of silver would increase, regularly by about 1½ per cent. each month, at the average accumulation up to the present time. How long it would take for the redemption fund to become formed of more silver than gold any one who wishes can readily calculate. The proposed guarantee of redemption is, therefore, very far from complete.

The town and city elections in Maine have resulted in great Republican gains. It is evident that the people, at this first election since the exposure of the Garcelon conspiracy, have taken the opportunity to manifest their indignation for the party which is responsible for one of the most shameful political plots of modern times. In an almost unbroken series of Republican victories, it is noticeable that the cities and towns disfranchised by the Garcelon gang have given largely-increased Republican majorities. In Portland, for example, where the combined Democrats and Greenbackers had a majority of 40, in a total 5,844, last year, the Republicans have a majority of 1,234, in a total vote of 5,370, this year. The same result has been reached in Bath, another disfranchised city, many Democrats joining to give emphasis to the rebuke thus administered to their dishonest leaders.

There seems to be a prospect of stirring events during this month both in Russia and Afghanistan. Gen. Stewart's projected advance upon Ghuzni will test the strength of the "impregnable fortress," whose single capture, in 1839, was achieved through the betrayal of a weakly-guarded gate by a deserter. The concentration of troops in St. Petersburg, under such a leader as Gen. Gourkho, will probably keep the Nihilists quiet for the present; but other and more serious troubles than the fresh postponement of the Czar's long-meditated reforms loom in the immediate future. That a woman so well known as Vera Sassulitch should have shown herself in a public theatre, under the very eyes of an officer whom she had tried to murder, seems to confirm the theory that her arrest was no accident, and that she has been deliberately sent into the enemy's camp to obtain information, to create a fresh scandal, or to make another and more successful attempt at assassination.

THE LESSON OF THE DEBT STATEMENT.

According to the Treasury statement, which we publish this morning, the reduction of the public debt during the month of February was, in round numbers, $6,000,000. This reduction was made possible by the large increase in the Customs revenues, which are about $6,000,000 greater than for the corresponding month last year, while there has also been an advance over last year of a million and three quarters in the internal revenues. The increase in the Customs duties is only the natural consequence of the train of events which has been going on for months past, and requires no special comment. It is only necessary to remark in passing that, so far as can be judged from the reports to date, our imports are increasing principally in articles of luxury, and the inflation and speculation which we have frequently noted are bearing their inevitable fruit in the indulgence of extravagant tastes. Whether the country is, on the whole, benefited by a tariff system which limits exports principally to foodstuffs, and imports in great part to articles of luxury, is a question which we have not now to consider. We wish rather to direct attention to the manner in which the public debt has been reduced, and to the manner in which it might have been reduced, had not our statutes fixed a hard and fast rule for the guidance of the Treasury.

As a matter of fact, the reduction has taken place in consequence of the purchase of bonds for the sinking fund, to which the payments on account of the arrears of pensions constitute an offset. The bonded debt was reduced in February by nearly $11,500,000, while the disbursements for pensions have been about $6,000,000. The payments on the bonded debt leave it at $1,770,000,000, which is about $27,500,000 less than at the close of the fiscal year. Unquestionably, such a liberal payment of the bonded debt has its advantages. It reduces the annual interest-charge by a million and a half. It strengthens the credit of the Government at home and abroad, and especially abroad, where the generous meeting of Governmental obligations in advance is a novelty. It cannot help but aid the process of refunding the outstanding high-rate bonds, when it shall be undertaken, as it is probable that it soon will be. And were the financial affairs of the nation upon a safe footing at home, there would be every reason to congratulate ourselves upon this general result. But our financial affairs—we cannot repeat it too often—are very far from being on a satisfactory basis, and of this the Treasury statement itself contains the evidence, which is emphasized by the facts set forth in our Washington dispatches this morning. Side by side with our bonded debt is our demand debt, one-fifth as large in amount, and which remains to-day, and by law must remain, practically at the figure at which it stood when the present Resumption law was completed by the act of 1878. It is now $346,000,000. By the original Resumption act, it was intended that this amount should be gradually reduced to $300,000,000, as the national bank issues were increased; but by the act of May, 1878, the Secretary of the Treasury was required to reissue and keep in circulation all the demand notes of the United States which he should receive. The result of this act has been that, while the bonded debt has been steadily and even lavishly diminished, while surplus revenues, which might very properly have been devoted to the removal of burdensome taxation, have been directed to the purchase of bonds at a premium, the legal-tender notes are the same as before the law went into force which nominally provides for their payment. Under that law, not a dollar of the demand debt has been finally paid. Yet no rational business man will deny that it is this demand debt and not the bonded debt which constitutes any real danger for the credit of the United States, whatever the latter may amount to, as, whatever may be the rate of interest upon it, no one doubts that the Government will for many years to come, always be able to maintain a high standing as a borrower in the money markets of the world, and that it can make very advantageous terms with lenders whenever it has occasion to apply to them for loans on its interest-bearing obligations, either for refunding or for any purpose. We have demonstrated our capacity and our purpose to take care of such obligations, and nothing which is likely to occur will shake the confidence which, as a nation, we have won in that direction.

But it is far otherwise with our legal-tender notes. These are a peculiarly perilous form of debt, which we obstinately refuse to discharge. We have made a law which empowers the Secretary of the Treasury to "redeem" them in "coin" on demand, but we have coupled with this law another which forbids this redemption to be made equivalent to payment, and we have added still another which is constantly vitiating the character of the coin devoted to the purpose of redemption. For the time being, everything goes on smoothly under this anomalous arrangement. There is no demand for redemption and no occasion to test the capacity to redeem. But the statute remains which gives to every note an indefinitely multiplied power to draw "coin" from the Treasury, as well as the other which is constantly increasing the percentage of depreciated silver in the coin reserve. During the last month the net gold balance has decreased by $2,000,000 and the silver has increased by the same sum. The latter now reaches $41,500,000, or 27½ per cent. of the net cash balance in the Treasury. Under these circumstances, it is not untimely to call attention to the essential error in the employment of the surplus revenues—an error sanctioned and made compulsory by the statutes, but therefore only the more serious. Instead of buying interest-bearing bonds at a premium before they are due, the Treasury should be allowed and required to redeem and cancel the legal-tender notes as far as the revenues are available for that purpose. Until this policy is adopted we shall only drift nearer and nearer to the time when we shall be compelled to choose between an irredeemable paper currency and one redeemable in silver only.

DALLYING WITH THE TAX QUESTION.

The two most important subjects demanding the attention of the Legislature of this State at the present session are unquestionably those of bringing the railroads into proper subjection to law and effecting a judicious revision of our system of taxation. No one has been bold enough to maintain that the Tax laws are what they should be, and that there is no occasion for doing anything in regard to them, and yet every time the subject is brought up there appears to be a remarkable disinclination to taking earnest action. The Governor called attention to the glaring defects of the present system, but, notwithstanding the fact that it has been in operation for many years, that it has been repeatedly investigated, the existing evils pointed out by commissions and special committees, and remedies more or less judicious many times proposed, he had no better recommendation to make than that a new commission be appointed to put the task over yet another year. The State Assessors, in their annual report, are emphatic in their condemnation of the laws as they stand, and present specific statements showing the inequalities and injustice of their operation, but they, too, propose that they be allowed to go on working injustice for the present, taking unduly from one class, to the relief of another, while a commission attempts to see what can be done about it. In both branches of the Legislature the same weakness is displayed, and the same desire to stave off grappling with the difficulty, and to throw the burden of preparing legislation upon a special body of men, whose work would possibly stand little better chance of adoption than that of their predecessors.

A few men have shown an appreciation of the pressing importance of the subject and have made persistent efforts to spur their fellow-legislators up to a discussion of it, at least, with a view to evolving some basis of action that will stand a chance of finding acceptance. But their efforts, thus far, have been without avail. All proposed measures have been quietly turned over to committees, without consideration of their merits, in the evident hope that that would be the last of them. The attempt made near the beginning of the session to get the Finance Committee of the Senate to consider a definite plan and report upon it in some shape was, after a month's delay, defeated by instructing the committee to report "by bill or otherwise" in ten days. That this was regarded as mere trifling was shown by the fact that the committee did nothing at all about it, and to all appearances nobody expected it would. Then came the joint special committee arrangement for getting rid of the subject for the time being, and all propositions were turned over to that body in advance of its existence. It would be well enough to have a joint special committee devote itself to the subject, if there were better indications of a purpose to get some action from it likely to be accepted, or to work out of the results of its labor the needed modifications of the law. But so persistently has the desire to have the subject turned over to a commission, to make its report next Winter, asserted itself, and so unconquerable has the disposition appeared to evade practical action now, that there is little encouragement to be derived from the appointment of a committee to take the matter in hand, after two months of the session have gone by and the time of crowded and hasty work draws on. Mr. Alvord, in declining to serve on the part of the Assembly, sneers at the composition of the committee, and intimates that no good is likely to come of it. His motive for refusing to give it the aid of his mighty mind and valuable experience may be due to despair of accomplishing anything with such inferior colleagues, or it may spring from no very enthusiastic desire to have anything accomplished in the direction where it is most loudly called for.

It is vain to represent that fresh investigation of the general subject is necessary, and that the needful laws can be formulated only by months of labor based on such investigation. The general principles of taxation are sufficiently understood by those who are competent to deal with the subject, and those who are not would be little benefited by a formal reiteration of them. The defects of the present laws have been repeatedly pointed out, and the means of remedying them have been often suggested. What is called for at present is simply a clear and vigorous embodiment of well-known principles in measures judiciously devised for carrying them into effect. There are men in the State competent to effect this, and they have studied the subject so long that they do not need months in which to go over the ground of their studies afresh. If the committee includes none of these, doubtless their assistance could be had. There is really no reason for new investigations or further delay, but there is a very evident need of an earnest desire and a genuine determination to do something. The real difficulty is that there are powerful interests which are benefited by the existing inequalities, and these apparently find representation in the Legislature more effectually than do the wider interests of the community at large. Unfortunately, there seems not to be that general comprehension of the wrongs and injustice of unequal taxation that is necessary to generate a very effective public sentiment on the subject, but there is nevertheless a wide-spread understanding that reform is needed, and that the need is acknowledged on all hands, and a continued evasion of duty on the part of legislators cannot fail to produce effect upon the minds of constituents. Those who make earnest efforts to perform their whole duty in regard to this subject ought to be remembered, and those who shirk should be regarded as failing in their responsibility to the public.

SOME VISITING STATESMEN.

The newspaper reports of the interviews between the visiting committees of the San Francisco Sand Lots and the business men whom they call upon contain much curious reading. It does not seem to be thought an impertinence for a crowd of men and women, marching in procession, to send a deputation into an office, factory, or shop, and ask the proprietors to sign an agreement not to employ Chinese laborers. Here and there, these queer visitors find an independent and willful citizen, who has the courage to say that he will manage his business in his own way. But, for the most part, those who do employ Chinese are ready to apologize for and defend their action. Wages are high in San Francisco, as compared with prices in the Eastern States. For example, the City Hall Commissioners lately adopted a resolution fixing the pay of laborers employed in laying concrete pavement in the new city building, at $75 per month. One of the business men who had been waited on by a Sand Lots committee told them that 15,000 laboring men could make $1 50 at mining on the Sacramento River, above Red Bluff; and this statement was not contradicted. When the visitors from the Sand Lots demand the immediate discharge of Chinese workers, the commonest reply is that the employers cannot compete with Eastern manufacturers who do not employ Chinese labor. A cigar manufacturer, who said that he began life as a boot-black, told his inquisitors that he had vainly tried to secure contracts with Eastern dealers to furnish him with cigars at the rate of 1,000,000 per month, which he could sell in San Francisco, and cease his own manufacture. The committee did not seem to see that this was an evasion of their demand. What they ask is that Chinese workmen shall be discharged and white men taken in their places at an advanced rate of wages. On this point, one of the Sand Lots orators lately said that the white man who is willing to work for less than $2 per day does not deserve to live. And this admirable sentiment was cheered to the echo.

One of the inquisitive committees heard some sound sense from a Mr. J. W. Schaepfer, a member of a Chinese-employing firm of cigar-makers. He said that he would sign no paper and submit to no dictation as to the manner in which his business was to be conducted. He had been a member and one of the founders of an anti-coolie association, and he had seen his fellow-members buying fish of Chinese dealers, and sending their clothing to Chinese laundries. If the men of small means, who patronize the "saloons," would get the owners of those places to buy white-labor cigars, at the rate of 1,000 a month, they would be supplied. Said he: "The people of the middle and upper classes patronize white labor. The poorer people have to go to the Chinese. They are the ones who support them and keep them here." If boys, young men, and young women would learn the cigar-making trade, they would get work in plenty. But they will not do this work, and there are only 350 white men now in San Francisco who can be rated as cigar-makers. Obviously, this number cannot fill the demand for white labor. To manage his business with an exclusive employment of white labor, Mr. Schaefer said, was simply impossible. This gentleman also threw a ray of light on the proceedings of some of the anti-Chinese associations when he offered to prove by the Government agents, that the Cigar-makers' Union had sold what are known as "white labor stamps" to be placed on boxes of cigars made by Chinamen employed by a Chinese firm. This may be the original foundation of the capital story told of a white man, who, seeing a Chinaman branding his cigar-boxes with the legend "The Chinese must go," asked for an explanation and was told, "Sand Lot man he see um, and he buy um." One can imagine the secret howls of derision with which the heathen Chinee thus plays on the prejudices of the Melican man and brother.

Generally speaking, the result of the interviews between the Sand Lots inquisitors and the employers of Chinese, was not satisfactory to the former. As the new Constitution of the State absolutely prohibits the employment of Chinese by corporations chartered under State law, the Kearneyites threaten the new statute and its penalties on this class of employers. But, in some cases, officers of corporations while denying that they make use of Chinese labor to any extent, refuse to obey the law until its constitutionality has been affirmed. A suit to determine this question has been taken to the United States Circuit Court, the defendant being the President of a corporation employing one Chinaman. The replies of mechanics and manufacturers to the visiting committees show the necessity for an apprentice law. One manufacturer complained that the laws of the State and of the trades-unions had destroyed the system of apprenticeships; consequently, while the boys are growing up in idleness and vice, skilled white labor is unattainable. Lads and young men work six months at a trade, spoiling more material than their labor is worth, and then leave without warning. One manufacturer said that if he could be sure of apprentices who would stay even two years, he would be satisfied. The general impression which a disinterested reader gets from the newspaper reports is that the statements concerning destitution in San Francisco are very much exaggerated; that the men who demand the expulsion of the Chinese are mainly incompetent to replace the men whom they desire to drive out, and that the rate of wages demanded by the agitators is much too high for any normal condition of commercial industry.

HYPOCRISY AND HONESTY.

Whatever difference of religious views there may be among intelligent and honest men, there is a general agreement as to the sincerity and honesty of Christian ministers. The Presbyterian may strongly dislike the theology of the Episcopalian, and the Episcopalian may find grave fault with the teaching and practice of the Methodist minister, but that the great majority of the men who stand at the altar or occupy the pulpit are honest and conscientious no fair-minded man ventures to doubt. There is, however, a certain Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., who, although he is, apparently, a minister of one of the so-called evangelical denominations, has a very poor opinion of his fellow-ministers. He claims, in a leading article published in the last number of the *Independent*, that "the fact is notorious" that "perhaps a quarter, perhaps a half, of the educated ministers in our leading evangelical denominations" are cowardly hypocrites. It is true that he does not apply to them these plain epithets, but he accuses them of acts of which no man who is not both a coward and a hypocrite could be guilty. Obviously, the Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., shares Mr. "Bob" Ingersoll's estimate of evangelical ministers, though he lacks the boldness to echo that eminent Western theologian's untrammeled epithets.

The Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., charges that "perhaps a half" of his fellow-ministers do not believe the religion which they preach. He himself has rejected the old-fashioned theory that the Bible is the infallible word of God, and declares in the *Independent* that the story of the "fall of man told in Genesis is no more the record of actual occurrences than is the parable of the prodigal son." This belief—or rather disbelief—he tells us, is shared by "perhaps a half" of all the educated evangelical ministers in this country. Now, when we remember that these men lack the courage to emulate Mr. Ward's frank confession of skepticism, we must admit that they are cowards, and when to the cowardice they add the hypocrisy of preaching a religion which they disbelieve, it is clear that they are cowardly hypocrites.

Of course, it is idle to pretend that a minister can be a believer in evangelical Christianity who denies the inspiration of the Bible and ridicules the story of the fall. If the Bible is not a revelation from God, and, therefore, infallibly true, all its assertions as to eternal life and the way to secure it are simply the opinions of certain respectable Jewish writers, and are worth no more than the opinions of Tom, Dick, or Harry as to any subject concerning which these hypothetical persons know, and can know, nothing whatever. If the story of the fall is not true, then the religion taught by Christ is based on a mistake. The whole theory of the need of a Divine Redeemer rests upon the theory of the fall of man, and if Adam was a myth, Christ was unnecessary. Probably, the Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., will admit that Christ was a well-meaning teacher, and that, on the whole, his religion has been a benefit to the world, but when he rejects the story of the fall, he must necessarily reject Christ's atonement; and must look with pity upon St. Paul as a feather-headed enthusiast, who might have avoided the betrayal of his ignorance made in his Epistles had he taken the pains to ascertain the mythical character of the story of the fall before sitting down to write them.

If it be really true, as the Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., asserts, that "perhaps a half of the educated ministers in our leading 'evangelical denominations" hold these opinions, it is a serious affair. Probably, by "leading evangelical denominations" he means the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist sects. Most people had supposed that, with the exception of the occasional black sheep to be found in every fold, the ministers of these denominations were really honest, God-fearing men. It appears that, on the contrary, they are cowards who dare not confess their infidelity, and hypocrites who profess what they do not believe, in order to retain their grasp on their salaries. Men capable of this degree of baseness are doubtless capable of all forms of safe and sneaking rascality. Hereafter, cautious people should remember when they meet a Presbyterian, a Methodist, or a Baptist minister, that the chances are even that he will pick their pockets or steal their mantel ornaments. The attention of the Police ought to be called to this dangerous class of men. We cannot tell what countless crimes have already been committed by those wicked ministers while yet unmasked; but now that we know their detestable character, we are bound to take all possible precautions against them. The Church of Rome can hardly fail to look with some satisfaction on the revelation of depravity thus made by the Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D. That gentleman does not, of course, include the Roman Catholic Church among "evangelical denominations," and hence does not charge her priests with dishonesty and hypocrisy. Persons who believe Mr. Ward's assertions will naturally either reject all religions or will seek refuge in the Church that is not open to his censures. Were he the typical Jesuit of the novelist he could not do more effective work for Rome than he is doing.

Perhaps, after all, he is mistaken. "Perhaps a half" of our evangelical ministers are honest men and really believe what they preach. In this case the Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., needs their attention. If his charge is untrue, he is guilty of an atrocious libel. The earnest, sincere, noble man whom he has libeled by imputing to them cowardice and hypocrisy may, perhaps, inquire who he is and test his right to remain a minister of one of the evangelical denominations against which he has made such gross accusations.

Judge Lawrence finds from the papers submitted to him in the Cowley case that the prisoner has had a perfectly fair and impartial trial; that the court which tried him had complete and ample jurisdiction; and that every presumption is in favor of the justice and validity of the judgment. Without questioning the right of Cowley's friends to renew their appeal before every Supreme Court Judge in the State, and without prejudice to their appeal to the General Term, it is to be hoped that the reverend criminal will be compelled to await on the Island the result of the legal contest in his favor. That Cowley followed a priestly calling simply adds to the atrocity of his crimes against law and humanity, and certainly does not entitle him to any more consideration than if he had followed the profession of a burglar. Mr. Cowley in a convict's suit will be a much more impressive illustration of the passionless impartiality of Justice than Mr. Cowley awaiting in the Tombs the success of a long series of motions to liberate him on bail pending the hearing of his appeal to the General Term of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court of the United States rendered three important decisions yesterday affecting the validity of the Federal laws intended to prevent the exclusion of colored citizens from serving on juries. In the first, or West Virginia, case, the petitioner, a colored man, who had been indicted for murder, had been denied by the laws of the State the legal protection of the laws which is guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment of the Federal Constitution, inasmuch as those laws excluded members of his race from serving on juries. The court holds that such exclusion is a denial of equal protection, and that the section of the Revised Statutes providing for the transfer of such cases to the Federal court is constitutional and applies in this particular case. Though its reasoning is very clear, it is a fact worth noting that Justices Field and Clifford dissent from the decision. The second is the case in which Judge Rives, of Virginia, figured conspicuously in taking two colored prisoners out of the hands of the State court, and assuming jurisdiction of their case, because, although the laws of that State do not exclude colored men from the jury-box, there were in fact none on the jury which tried them, and their demand that there should be was denied. The court holds that this was not a denial of equal protection of the laws *by the State*, and that there was no ground for taking the case from the State tribunal. The decision is, accordingly, against Judge Rives's position, and sends the case back. A fine distinction is drawn between the action of a State through its authorities or officers in advance of trial and of individuals after a trial has begun. The third case also comes from Virginia, and arises under the act of March, 1875, providing a penalty for the exclusion of colored men from juries. Judge Coles did effect such exclusion, and was arrested and brought before the Federal court. He claimed that the arrest was unwarranted, and the court had no jurisdiction, but the present decision is against him, and affirms the validity of the act of 1875. The three cases involve distinct points, and very clearly settle them.

It is reported in a dispatch from Washington that Dr. Luce's claim to priority in the invention of a method of transmitting light by electricity is disputed by Messrs. T. A. Connolly and T. J. McTigue, two electricians, who were recently brought into notice by the invention of a patented device intended to enable users of the telephone to communicate directly with each other, without the aid of an operator at the central station. They declare positively that they have reproduced images by electricity, and they have filed at the Patent Office the papers necessary to establish the priority of their claim. Their instrument, nameless as yet, but which may be called the telephote, or the telepticon, seems to be of a much narrower capacity than the diaphote, for it is only claimed that it will, speaking roughly, take photographs at long distances; but its theory is said to be similar to that of the diaphote, and its construction is much simpler. Very great reserve is necessary in speaking of such rumored inventions as these, but having in mind very recent recollections of the scarcely less wonderful discovery of means to reproduce and transmit sound, it would be rash to express an opinion without greater and more exact details than have yet been given. Credulity and incredulity alike have their dangers in this age of wonders.

It is entirely safe to say that March is, at least throughout this latitude, the most detested and, indeed, the most detestable, month of the whole year. An odious quality belongs to it peculiarly its own. Although coupled with Spring, it totally misrepresents that season, and, in fact, fails to denote any season. Winter has its charms, and many of them; Spring, Summer, Autumn have each their special glories, but March has almost nothing to recommend it. The other months ought to hold a convention, and disown their vicious, well-nigh uniformly ill-behaved sister. She should be driven out, branded as illegitimate and cast out of redemption. "As disagreeable as March" ought to be a popular simile, for everybody in this part of the country is very apt to be reminded, soon after the month has begun, of its forbidding character. It happens not unfrequently that a good deal of March passes without revealing its true nature; but it is pretty certain to make up for any neglect of opportunity to have been uninviting, even though it be as late as April or May. We seem unable to get rid of March weather even when we have got rid of March itself. Ill-fortune compels us to suffer from so many days of raw, shivering, marrow-chilling temperature, with sharp gusts of cutting wind and clouds of dust that fill eyes, nostrils, mouth, and ears, destroy our temper, paralyze our will, and make us feel misanthropic. A man who does a very mean thing, who utters a cynical sentiment, or who is lacking in any proper duty during March, should be regarded leniently, for it may be all due to the adverse influence of the month. The moral or immoral influences of March must be potent, and should be taken into account in judging of human conduct. A true saint might be a direful sinner for the next four weeks. Our Angle-Saxon ancestors named it *Hlyd monath*, stormy month, and *Hreed monath*, rugged month, with a great deal of fitness, but here it is more than that—it is unexpressively a reptilive month. It was the first month of the old Roman year. Happily it has been changed. Most of us are more or less impressed by the beginning of the year; we form from it, unreasonable though it be, favorable or unfavorable augury of what is to come. And who could have any hope, any fair dreams, any noble ambition, respecting a year which opened with March, especially if it should be as abhorrent as March generally is with us?

Those persons and institutions that make a business of lending money on bond and mortgages will do well to note a decision just rendered by the United States Supreme Court. A man applied to a firm of brokers in Washington, to negotiate for him a loan of $3,500. He offered as security certain real estate, which he represented to be his, and produced the certificate of a well-known lawyer of Washington, that the title was good. On application of the brokers, the National Savings Bank of the District of Columbia advanced the loan, taking a renewable note signed by the borrower, a trust-deed of the property, and the lawyer's certificate as to the title, which the bank required should be brought down to the date of the loan. The note became due in a year, but was not paid. The bank proceeded to sell the premises under the trust-deed, whereupon was discovered that the pretended owner to whom the loan had been made had no title to the property, but had transferred it before negotiations for the loan were begun. The deed had been duly executed and recorded, but had been antedated by the lawyer who examined the title. It was got claimed that the lawyer in certifying that the claimant's title was good had acted dishonestly or dishonestly. He had made a false statement, but it was the result of inattention. The court sustained the lawyer for damages, claiming that it had sustained loss by reason of his erroneous certificate as to the title. The Supreme Court holds that the lawyer is not liable. The court fully concedes that an attorney who holds himself out as competent to examine titles to real estate is bound to exercise reasonable care and skill in his profession, and that he is liable for damages which result from his negligence or incompetency. But he is liable to his client and not to a third person, unless, perhaps, in a case of fraud, falsehood, or collusion. In the case before the court there had been no contract between the bank and the defendant attorney; hence, the latter was not liable for the loss sustained by the former. Three of the eight Justices, (Mr. Justice Hunt being absent,) dissented from this opinion. Among them was Chief-Justice Waite, who thought that "if a lawyer, employed to examine and certify to the recorded title of real property, gives his client a certificate which he knows, or ought to know, is to be used by the client in some business transaction with another person as evidence of the facts certified to, he is liable to such other person relying on his certificate for any loss resulting from his failure to find on record a conveyance affecting the title which, by the use of ordinary professional care and skill, he might have found."

AMUSEMENTS.

"LUCIA" AT THE ACADEMY.

Mr. Mapleson's Spring season of Italian opera was appropriately opened on the first day of Spring. The Academy of Music was well filled, and the audience was evidently in excellent humor for opera—attentive and decidedly enthusiastic. Though "Lucia" is by no means possessed of the attractions of novelty, its representation last night was made more than usually interesting by the first appearance in New-York of Mlle. Marimon in the role of the heroine, and by the strength of the cast, which included Signor Campanini as Edgardo, Signor Galassi as Ashton, and Herr Behrens as Raimondo. With the promptness which has always been characteristic of the management, Signor Arditi took up his baton at 8 o'clock, while the audience was engaged in getting to their seats. The welcome to this most efficient of operatic conductors was exceedingly complimentary, but would undoubtedly have been more pronounced if the house had been better filled at the time. The principal artists as they appeared were all warmly applauded, and in the case of Signor Campanini there was something of an ovation when he first came on the stage, the like of which has not been witnessed before. He was compelled to remain for some moments bowing his acknowledgments of this most hearty and spontaneous tribute to his genius. The opera was smoothly performed, the chorus and orchestra being perfectly at home in their work and under complete control of the conductor. Mlle. Marimon's Lucia was not entirely even in its excellence. In the first act she seemed either to be reserving her powers, or, what is more probable, to have not recovered from the fatigues of her recent travels, and though she sang with exquisite delicacy in the "Perche non ho del vento," she was not as effective as in subsequent numbers. The second act afforded her a better opportunity, which she improved, and finally, in the mad scene of the third act, she showed the quality of her voice and her consummate abilities as a vocalist. It was a beautiful performance, and would have been counted supremely good in any one else, though the public have learned to expect something phenomenal from her, and are hardly prepared for anything less. At the conclusion of the mad scene she was several times recalled and applauded in the warmest and most genuine manner. As to Campanini's Edgardo, there was evidently no difference of opinion in the house. His acting was not the least effective part of his performance, and was one of the most powerful dramatic efforts to be seen on any stage. To be a really great actor in opera is a far more difficult task than is generally understood. Where every phrase must be delivered in fixed time and tones, and every movement must be measured by the necessities of the music, it is very easy to make intensity and dramatic vigor seem awkward or grotesque. For these reasons, probably, so few operatic artists, comparatively speaking, attempt to make a feature of their acting, and so very few are at all successful. If Signor Campanini were but an indifferent singer his Edgardo last night would still have deserved to take rank with the highest of dramatic achievements. But as he was in good voice and sang with his customary taste and spirit, there is nothing but praise to record. Signor Galassi was entirely satisfactory as Ashton, but Signor Behrens was not up to his usual standard in his aria in the third act. The "Chi mi frena" was superbly sung by all the artists, and excited a storm of applause, which made a partial repetition of the scene imperative.

JOSEFFY'S CHOPIN CONCERT.

The many admirers of Herr Joseffy's piano-playing enjoyed an excellent opportunity to hear this artist at his best last night at Chickering Hall in a programme which contained Chopin's E minor concerto, F minor concerto, and the "Andante Spianato," and "Polonaise." Joseffy plays Chopin with rare taste and expression, and evidently feels at ease in his works. He had a very good small orchestra, under Mr. Carlberg's direction, to sustain him, and showed no traces of the recent accident which prevented his touching the piano for several weeks. The audience was large, and of the same musical character and intelligence that have distinguished the previous concerts, many of the best-known professional and amateur pianists being present. As to the quality of Joseffy's performance there is nothing to be added to what has been said before. The same marvelous technique, perfect accuracy, and freedom from display were all as noticeable as before, and the ability of the artist to make the most delicate pianissimo passages as distinct and crisp as others, which is one of Joseffy's most marked characteristics, was conspicuous in his performance last night. On Wednesday evening Joseffy will appear in a new sort of chamber music.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.

Several fresh features were added last evening to the entertainment now to be seen at Booth's Theatre, and these make it more bright and interesting than ever. As a popular combination of frolic, music, and dancing, "Humpty Dumpty" fills its place admirably. It may be objected that its machinery is somewhat mixed up; that, so to speak, its wheels do not run smoothly together; but no one thinks of this, since the piece is like a panorama, each picture of which is attractive in itself. The amazing Rajade troupe—lately forming part of the "Enchantment" company—now appear in the second act, though the most notable performance in this act is given by the Japanese, Prince Katsnoshim, whose movements are marked by rare suppleness and grace, and whose jugling is the perfection of finesse. The dancing, as a whole, is pleasing, though it is not what it should be; we make an exception in favor of Mlle. Bonfanti, which is delightfully artistic, though devoid of that "gymnastic" manner which has lately grown popular. Mlle. Bonfanti's motion is rapid and light, her steps agile, her style charming; to see her dance is to see the harmony of motion. It is almost needless to add that the Sisters Ish Students are still favorites of the public, and one of their encores last night—"Little Sallie Waters"—seemed to give special pleasure. The rich of the pantomime, the beauty of the scenery, and various other accessories add to the attractiveness of "Humpty Dumpty," which will hold the stage for some time longer.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.

The public would not, probably, endure a revival of "Pinafore," save under exceptional circumstances; as it is, they will be glad to hear the favorite operetta sung by a company composed of really fine vocalists. The "Ideals" is the name of such a company which appeared last night at Niblo's for the first time here, though it has won a high reputation throughout the land. Mr. Myron W. Whitney, the celebrated oratorio singer, was the Captain Corco

A GREAT WELSH SEAPORT

THE TRADE OF CARDIFF WITH THE UNITED STATES.

GROWTH AND IMPORTANCE OF THE PORT—WHAT SHE SENDS TO AMERICA—THE MARQUIS OF BUTE'S POSSESSIONS.

CARDIFF, South Wales, Feb. 17.—The navies of the world might float securely in the port of Cardiff. No town has progressed more in material prosperity during the last score of years. In less than a quarter of a century it has grown from a population of 20,000 to something approaching 100,000. Twenty years ago I knew it with one newspaper, an old-fashioned weekly journal. To-day it is represented by two first-class daily papers—the *Western Mail* and the *South Wales Daily News*. If I had been dropped down upon Cardiff from "the balloon of the future," I should not have known the place. It was a little, dirty, insignificant town; it is now a handsome city. An American could not fail to be satisfied with it; for the busiest, most imposing, and cleanest-looking stores in the place are the American shops and markets where transatlantic produce is sold. While not a single steamer trades direct to Swansea, there is a line to Cardiff, and you can buy every kind of fresh American produce here, including beef, bacon, turkeys, fowls, eggs, cheese, butter, hominy, preserved meats, fruits, &c. The town is quite lively now, and the renewal of trade is regarded as an established reality.

THE CONSUL INTERVIEWED.

It is a faded eagle that guards the portal of the American Consulate at Cardiff; a worn, weather-beaten bird, the most venerable thing in the busy Bute road leading to the busy Bute docks.

"Why do you not renovate the majestic king of the air?" I asked Mr. Wirt Sikes, the representative of the United States, who met me at the door. "I found it here almost as dirty and time-stained as you see it," he said, looking up admiringly at the sign, "and I would not have it cleaned on any account; they like old things in England, old institutions, relics, antiquities." An unpretentious office, the apartment of the Consulate, but it is better situated than the other head-quarters of foreign Governments.

"What is the steam connection between America and Cardiff?" I asked.

"There are three steamers running; they are known as the Edwards Line; they go between here and New-York; they take out general cargoes, and come back to this port laden with tinned meats, corn, wheat, cheese, bacon, butter, &c."

"I notice huge advertisements on the walls and street cars referring to the American markets in Cardiff; what are they?"

"There are," answered the Consul, "three American markets or stores here on a very large scale, regular established buildings for the sale of American produce. They do an immense trade. Hopkins's market is the largest. Johnson, Miles & Co. are the great produce brokers here, and besides their large wholesale dealings, they have stores of their own, conducted under the name of Stuart & Co., both at Cardiff and Swansea."

"The live stock trade, I hear, has declined?"

"Yes, since the Government restrictions; but it is reviving again, since the arrangements for slaughtering on the spot have been perfected. The fresh beef did not sell well at first, imported dead; but it is improving. Cardiff prefers the stock being killed here, and this trade is sure to become brisk again."

"With regard to the revival of business in the district—I mean more particularly in iron, coal, and the staple trades of Wales—do you consider it likely to be permanent?"

"Yes."

The Consul handed me the following document, in courteous response to a request I had made a few days previously. It shows the value of declared exports from the Consular district of Cardiff (including the scrutories of Newport, Swansea, Llanelly, and Milford Haven) to the United States during the year ending Sept. 30, 1879:

Articles.	Total for the Year.
Tin plates	$178,495 60
Spiegel-eisen	213,369 30
Steam coal	20,648 78
Arsenic	1,467 44
Medicine	146 81
Bricks and cement	3,152 23
Soft house rods	74,681 22
Drawn wire	449 67
Nails	286 80
Rotten stone	2,823 43
Oxalic acid	1,467 56
Patent coke	5,117 26
Black tagrem	2,955 70
Indigo auxiliary	465 09
Rail scrap	7,592 78
Steel shoes and dies	5,564 85
Tin tagrem	751 73
Books	962 28
Railway iron	85,336 54
Best puddled bars	560 48
Total in United States gold	$607,931 57
Total for preceding year	296,903 74
Increase	$310,427 83

"From the above figures I conclude that the tin-plate trade is a Swansea specialty?"

"Yes."

"And what is spiegel-eisen, the second article in the account?"

"That is our local iron; and, by the way, the iron-masters complain bitterly of the American tariffs, more particularly as they find Belgium a severe competitor. The Belgian can produce iron cheaper than the Welsh; but it is not equal in quality. By the way, touching American imports to Cardiff, I forgot to mention that many domestic articles come here, such as sancepans, kitchen utensils, spring mattresses, and other kindred articles. And, in regard to the revival of the coal trade, it may be noted that within the past two months coal has made a permanent advance of 1s. per ton. You will notice in the statement of exports, 'Black Tagrem.' They are a species of button, or the framework of buttons, and were the great manufacture of Booker & Co. who may be said to have brought the West of England Bank to grief."

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

The Board of Trade Returns for the United Kingdom, just issued for January, indorse the general opinion as to the reality of the trade revival. The total declared value of exports for the month were £16,912,959, as against £14,196,518 in January, 1879, and £15,423,911 in January, 1878. The Cardiff returns of iron, steel, coal, and tin exports for the month are very remarkable:

	Jan., 1880.	Jan., 1879.	Jan., 1880.
Iron and steel rails	18,997	15,386	40,059
Steel rails	7,265	10,911	28,916
Iron rails	11,731	4,475	11,143
Pig iron	42,943	47,834	102,565
Bar, angle, bolt, and rod	18,812	11,539	28,357
Railroad iron	31,892	20,473	46,778
Coal, coke, and fuel	1,012,542	1,047,369	1,299,789
Bunker coal	299,201	328,083	398,315
Tin plates	11,776	12,856	19,669
Copper plates	80,755	61,139	81,965

The chief exports of iron and steel rails were to the United States and British India, the latter considerably leading the former. America is buying enormous quantities of tin plates. She is also "Taffy's" best customer for pig-iron, though Belgium and Holland are sending in large orders. The United States took, in January, 56,370 tons, as against 19,000 and 3,000 in the corresponding months of the two previous years. As regards tin plates, the United States took more than double the quantity in January, 1880, then was taken in January, 1879—the difference in value being the difference between £152,000 and £362,000. In all kinds of railway iron sent to the United States the market has practically gone up since January, 1878, from nothing to 15,000 tons. It is curious to look back and note the gradual, yet startling, development of the coal trade of Cardiff, as evidenced by the following figures taken from the Customs returns for 20 odd years, ending 1876, as which it reached its highest point:

Years.	Foreign Tons.	Coastwise Tons.
1856	3,812	193,582
1862	32,423	414,159
1866	313,997	467,899
1870	793,827	455,047
1872	1,142,366	650,009
1873	1,450,941	696,525
1874	2,924,636	319,185
1875	2,800,510	327,394
1876	2,509,174	368,214

The "coastwise tons" show the home consumption of Welsh coal. The Marquis of Bute, one of the chief owners of the Bute Docks, is the richest in the world, is the proprietor of immense wealth besides. In England he has an estate in Bedfordshire, derived from the third Earl of Bute; in Durham he has an estate which he inherited from the Cleverings; in Wales he derives his Glamorganshire estates from the Herbertz, Earls of Pembroke; in Scotland he owns nearly the whole of the Isle of Bute, which comes to him from the Stuarts; he has estates in the Counties of Ayr and Wigton, derived from the Crichtons, Earls of Dumfries. Among those who have the privilege of his acquaintance he is spoken of with respect and esteem. But when one reads of the possessions of the great British lords of the soil, one cannot help feeling that England has a great "land question" looming up for settlement at no very distant day.

Forbes, the war correspondent and lecturer, was here defending a suit at the Assizes brought against him under the following circumstances: Mr. Jackson, of the Philharmonic Theatre, Cardiff, engaged him for a series of appearances. At Newport, Forbes said he must curtail his lecture, in order to get back for the wedding breakfast of Millais's daughter. Jackson contested Forbes's right to abbreviate; a dispute arose; Jackson said he would not pay if the discourse was shortened. Then Forbes said he would not ascend the platform unless he had his money in advance; then Jackson told this to the audience; then Forbes would not lecture at all, and the audience sallied forth and hooted him to the railway depot. Upon this Jackson sued him, for breach of contract, for $150 or $200 expenses. The suit came on at the Assizes this week, and created immense local interest. Forbes offered to pay $100 and "settle it." Jackson declined the offer. The trial came on, and the verdict was given for Forbes, the estimated costs of the suit, about $2,000, falling on Jackson, who is a man of means, and "a good fellow to boot," though in this affair ill-advised. Forbes tells me he hopes to lecture in America at the end of the present year.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Florida Republican State Convention is to be held in Gainsville, Alachua County, on Wednesday, May 12.

Twenty-seven cadets of Class No. 3 of the Virginia Military Institute were dismissed last week for insubordination.

The Boston *Advertiser* calls for the removal of Postmaster-General Key, "now that he openly shares the responsibility with Mr. Brady."

A Bostonian, who sailed from this port Jan. 21, writes back from Queenstown that the Rev. W. H. H. Murray was on board the steamer bound for Liverpool.

Mrs. Betsey Henderson, of Boston, celebrated her one hundredth birthday on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Miner, of whose church she is a member, preached a memorial discourse in the morning.

An Indiana man, who is an applicant for divorce, alleges, among other things, that his wife, although well knowing him to be a Democrat, refused to let him read Democratic papers in his house.

The *Louisville Democrat* is pleased to think that the selection of Cincinnati for the Democratic National Convention may be taken as in a general way, favorable to the selection of some Western man for the head of the Presidential ticket. The party has had bad luck with New-York candidates, it says.

A bill is being vigorously pushed in the Legislature of Iowa providing for a State Commissioner of Immigration, at a salary of $1,000 per year and $5,000 for the expenses of the commission, and also for honorary Commissioners, to serve without pay. The State has now 20 honorary Commissioners, who are paid nothing and do nothing.

The call for the meeting of the Missouri Republican State Committee at St. Louis on the 11th inst. requests every member to be present in person or by substitute from his own district, as matters of great interest to the party will require action, and says that earnest work, cool deliberation, and harmony of action are all required to effect anything for the party in that State.

A story is retold by the Lewiston (Me.) *Journal* of good old Father Sewall, of that State, who, when once asked to lead the devotions of the meetings in a monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, arose, and, after fumbling in his pocket for a coin, at last brought it out and handed it to the presiding officer of the occasion, saying—as if to himself—"I can't pray any till I've given something."

Col. William H. McCardle has reported to the Legislature of Mississippi that he has found *two years' time quite inadequate to the work of compiling* the military records of the State during the war of the rebellion, although he has already accomplished much. His wish, he says, is under the authority conferred upon him to rescue from the oblivion of the past and preserve for the future the name and the record of every Mississippi soldier, officer, and private alike who served in the Confederate Army. Whether he shall go on depends upon the Legislature.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* (Democratic) closes its leading article in Saturday's issue as follows: "Mr. Tilden is the victim of a Democratic quarrel in a Democratic State absolutely essential to Democratic success. Seventy-seven thousand Democratic votes in New-York were cast against Mr. Tilden last November. New-York has 35 Electoral votes. Unless Mr. Tilden can soothe the differences in his own State, it is useless to attempt to disrobe the fact that he would be an exceedingly dangerous candidate to his party in his own State. But Mr. Tilden can name the Democratic candidate that can be elected and inaugurated. Can he rise to the height of giving away a nomination for the Presidency?"

The Chicago *Times* of Saturday contributes the following to the political gossip of the day: "A prominent Democrat of this city, who has all along been a tried and true supporter of Samuel J. Tilden for the Presidency, informed a representative of the *Times* yesterday that he has quite recently received advices from Mr. Tilden to the effect that he is not a candidate, and that in retiring from the contest he is acting in the interest of Senator David Davis, and that Mr. Tilden will in a few weeks, at most, formally announce his retirement in an open letter, in which he will indicate his desire that Senator Davis shall be the candidate. The gentleman stated further that this will be followed by a letter from Senator Davis explanatory of his position in relation to the political issues before the people, thus formally opening his boom."

THE STRIKING MECHANICS.

The striking cabinet-makers of Henry Hermann's establishment met yesterday in the Germania Assembly Rooms, when speeches in favor of standing firm in their demands were made. Liberal subscriptions to aid the strikers were reported from various furniture-shops. Steinway & Son's striking piano-makers met last evening at Turtle Bay Park, at which the proposed lock-out by the employers was freely discussed. The speakers expressed no fear of a lock-out, declaring that such a thing would never happen in the piano trade. One or two speakers made fierce tirades against the press, which they declared to be antagonistic to the working-classes. The Treasurer of the Piano-makers' Union was busy all the evening receiving money collected for the strikers among the workmen in other piano manufactories. Large sums have been received from Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and elsewhere. Out of the 600 men on strike, about 75 applied for aid last evening. They are helped according to their needs, the highest amount paid being $5 per week. The employes of Kranich & Bach say their recent meeting, at No. 200 Third-avenue was not to agitate for an increase of wages but to sustain the Steinway strikers. The Trades Council of New-York, better known as the Amalgamated Labor Union, met at Cobenzer Hall, in Stanton-street, last evening, and appointed a delegation to go to Albany this morning to help along certain legislative measures. The delegation consists of Messrs. John Fortune, President, and Edward Keene, Secretary of the Trades Council. They will argue in favor of the bill prohibiting the employment of convict labor. There was some talk yesterday of an impending demand for more wages by the boiler-makers and machinists, but inquiry at several large iron and ship-building establishments failed to find any trace of a strike. The men want, it is said, an increase of from 15 to 20 per cent.

ENGLISH SPORTING NOTES.

LONDON, March 1.—Mr. P. Lorillard's b. c. Parole retired on Saturday to the 25th place in the betting on the race for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which is to be run at the Lincoln Spring meeting, March 17. One reason for so was Crosby offered on rumors that he would not start, because the market is forestalled, and his owner cannot get satisfactory bets. To-day's Sportsman says: "Parole's backers need feel no disappointment. He will certainly start and in view of his satisfactory condition, will certainly run well. To-day Parole is again first favorite at twelve to one.

The Cambridge University crew made their first appearance on the Thames at Kingston to-day. The Oxford and Cambridge crews are expected to Putney early next week.

DEATH OF A DENTIST.

Alfred Goodell, a dentist residing at No. 149 East Twenty-seventh-street, fell from a horizontal bar at Wood's Gymnasium, No. 6 East Twenty-eighth-street, last night, and received injuries from which he died at 1 o'clock this morning.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

ATTACKING HIS OLD EMPLOYERS.

CHARLES E. SMITH ANNOYS THE ALBANY JOURNAL WITH A DEMAND FOR A RECEIVER.

ALBANY, March 1.—Papers and affidavits, signed by Charles E. Smith, recently editor of the Albany *Evening Journal*, will be presented to Justice Westbrook, in the Supreme Court, to-morrow, by the Hon. Henry Smith, of the counsel for Mr. Smith, asking for the appointment of a Receiver for the *Journal* Company; and, further, that Philip Ten Eyck, the business manager, John Ten Eyck and John D. Parsons, the other stockholders, be directed to make an accounting of the affairs of the company. The order is returnable on Friday next. The affidavits recite that Mr. Smith purchased one-eighth interest in the *Journal* in 1870 for $15,500, on representations that the company was worth $125,000. Since purchasing he learns that the company owes large amounts of money.

The proprietors of the *Journal* regard this action of their late editor as a petty attempt at annoyance, which cannot receive the sanction of any respectable court. They have offered to have an accounting and to purchase the small interest in the paper held by Smith at a fair valuation, but this, it seems, would not serve the purpose of gratifying his petty spite. The appointment of a Receiver, as any lawyer knows, would never be authorized on any state of facts that Smith would be able to present. The papers were served on the proprietors of the *Journal* this evening.

VIRGINIA DEBT PROBLEMS.

THE RIDDLEBERGER BILL PASSED—PETERSBURG PREPARING TO PAY HER DEBT.

RICHMOND, Va., March 1.—Both houses of the General Assembly to-night passed and sent to the Governor for his approval the bill to re-establish the public credit, generally known as the Riddleberger bill. It reduces the principal of the State debt from $33,000,000 to $20,000,000, by eliminating the capitalized war and reconstruction interest, and fixes the rate of interest at 3 per cent; the coupons on the new bonds are not to be receivable for taxes, nor are the new bonds to be exempt from taxation, and Treasurers of counties and cities are instructed not to receive coupons of the present consols and ten-forties for taxes, and a scheme for loan certificates is provided. It is intended further to outlaw the present tax-receivable coupons. The bill was opposed in both houses by the Conservatives, and was carried by the Readjusters, aided by most of the Republican members. From Gov. Holliday's record on this debt question, it is conceded that he will veto the bill, but should he let it become a law, or what is equally improbable, should it be passed over his veto, it will be submitted to the people at the November election, and if ratified by them, will then, and not until then, become operative.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 1.—At the regular monthly meeting of the City Council, this afternoon, the City Finance Committee reported the sale of 3,235 shares of preferred stock of the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, owned by the city, and sold to pay its bonded debt, falling due on Aug. 1 next. The amount realized by the sale, which has been confirmed by the Council, is $163,500, which has been paid to the City Treasurer. The stock was purchased by Douglass Gordon, Thomas C. Jenkins, B. F. Newcomb, and Brown, Lowndes & Co., of Baltimore; Thomas Branch & Co., John Stewart, E. O. Nolting, and W. H. Palmer, of Richmond, and Laverne Eyre, of Accomac. The proceeds of the sale of these stock reduced the debt of the city $1,015,000.

DR. SCHULZE NO LONGER INSANE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—Harold Mann, the petitioner in the lunacy proceedings taken in the case of Dr. Augustine Schulze, the Mexican physician, appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, to-day, and presented to Judges Hare and Fell his report, which contained the finding of the jury with reference to the mental condition of Dr. Schulze. The finding of the jury concludes as follows: "That the said Augustine Schulze was of unsound mind at the time he was placed in the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, to-wit, in August, 1879, and that since that time he has greatly improved, and we now find him sane and fit to be restored to the care of his friends." A physician from France having been sent here by Dr. Schulze's sister, who lives in that country, it was announced that Dr. Schulze would immediately accompany the physician to France, and will sail from New-York next Wednesday.

OBTAINING HER INHERITANCE.

NEWARK, N. J., March 1.—An English legacy, which has been kept from the rightful heirs for several years, and over which there has been much litigation, has just reached its proper destination. Mrs. W. T. Brothington, residing at No. 193 Market-street, in this city, had ancestors who were Jews resident in England. When the Revolutionary war broke out, her grandfather, whose name was Sherlock, came to this country as a Lieutenant in the British Army. His commission was purchased for a large amount, and the paper, executed by Sir Henry Clinton, and dated Sept. 15, 1779, is still in Mrs. Brothington's possession. After the war, Lieut. Sherlock remained in this land and married a Christian woman. This so enraged his father in England that he disinherited him and willed his estate, valued at $200,000, to his own sister, who was, of course, Sherlock's aunt. When the aunt died, several years later, she bequeathed it all to Mrs. Brothington and a brother and sister in Philadelphia. No notice was given the American heirs, and Mrs. Brothington remained in complete ignorance of the legacy until three years ago, when she saw an advertisement respecting the estate in a New-York paper. She immediately commenced proceedings for the preservement of her share, and employed a London barrister for that purpose. A few days since she received $10,000, the remainder having been used for fees and court expenses. Mrs. Brothington seems well satisfied.

ACCIDENTS TO VESSELS.

LONDON, March 1.—The Italian bark Lucedio, Capt. Ballestino, from New-York Jan. 24, for Rotterdam, has arrived at Plymouth. She landed the crew of the British bark John Abbott, Capt. Croom, from Darien, for a port in the United Kingdom, which was abandoned with her rudder broken and in a sinking condition.

The British bark Nonantum, Capt. Wright, from Antwerp, Jan. 10, for Philadelphia or New-York was spoken on Feb. 19, having lost her mainmast and mizzentopmast.

The Norwegian bark Consurrent, Capt. Gasperson, which arrived here on Feb. 6, from New-York, has been much damaged in a collision.

Advices from St. Thomas, under date of Feb. 29, say that the American brig Tabal Cain, Capt. Stone, from Marseilles Jan. 24 for St. Thomas, is ashore there, and that she will become a total loss.

Advices from Pernambuco, dated Feb. 29, state that the British bark Mystery, Capt. Dennis, from New-York Jan. 21 for Anjier, struck Recea, an island off the coast of Africa, on Feb. 24, and foundered. Her crew was saved.

The Belgian steamer Hipparchus, Capt. Loyns, from New-York Feb. 14, has arrived here. The Hipparchus landed the crew of the British bark Union, Capt. Brent, from St. John, New-Brunswick Jan. 29 for this port, which was abandoned waterlogged.

The steamer Teutonia, which arrived at Liverpool to-day, fell in with the British ship The Craigs, Capt. Thiel, from Pensacola Dec. 24, for Greenock, having been abandoned, and got 12 men aboard of the vessel.

The British brig Rio Grande, Capt. Karras, from Galveston Dec. 27, for Liverpool, which was before reported by the Norwegian bark Verona spoken as sea, damaged, has put into Queenstown, with the loss of her jib-boom and sails. She is short of provisions, and her deck swept. The vessel is strained, but tight.

SUSPENDING A CHIEF OF POLICE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 1.—Acting Mayor Brown, to-day, suspended from office Chief of Police Kennedy, for malfeasance, as specified in a report of a special committee of the Common Council which investigated Kennedy's actions while Chief of Police. Kennedy says he does not intend to give up the office until his term expires or he is removed by law, and claims that the acting Mayor is not pursuing a legal course of action.

THE RECORD OF ACCIDENTS.

LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J., March 1.—James Maxwell, the son of a well-to-do farmer, was found dead in the woods to-day, with a load of shot in his head, and his gun lying by his side. It is supposed he accidentally shot himself while hunting. He was 28 years of age and unmarried.

CHICAGO, March 1.—A collision between two heavy freight trains on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, at Twenty-fourth-street early this morning, broke up 15 cars and a freight car, and delayed incoming trains. No lives were lost; damage, $7,000 to $8,000.

FITZ JOHN PORTER'S CONDUCT.

SENATOR RANDOLPH SPEAKS IN HIS DEFENSE—SENATOR LOGAN TO REPLY TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—When Mr. Randolph began his defense of Fitz John Porter, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, at least one-third of the seats in the Senate gallery were empty, and many remained unoccupied throughout the address, which consumed one hour and a half. But no other speech or debate of this session has attracted so much attention upon the floor of the Senate. Nearly every Senator was in his place, and no other business was allowed to interfere with a careful consideration of every word which was said. Directly in front of Mr. Randolph sat a row of Senators who were once Generals in the Confederate Army—Cockrell, Gordon, Maxey, and Butler. In the rear of the speaker stood Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, perhaps the foremost soldier of the rebel army, with Senators Hampton and Williams, both Confederate Generals, and Senator Vest, a member of the Confederate Congress. Surrounded by these men, Mr. Randolph made his defense of a Union General, who, 17 years ago, was found guilty of disobeying his commanding officer while opposing the army in which they held high rank. In front of Mr. Randolph, and a little to the right, sat Gen. Logan, whose speech in reply will be the feature of to-morrow's session. In the rear of the speaker were Gen. McCook, a sturdy opponent of the Porter bill in the House, and Gen. Burnside, who has joined Gen. Logan in opposing it in the Senate. Upon the Republican side was to be seen Gen. W. T. Sherman, in a Senator's seat, and near him Gen. Garfield, a member of the court which condemned Fitz John Porter 17 years ago, now a member of the House, and Senator-elect. Among the occupants of the galleries were many military men and veterans of the civil war.

The speech consisted of an elaborate review of the proceedings in the case, interlarded with comments strongly in favor of Porter, and of the passage of the substitute for the committee's bill, authorizing the President to nominate Porter as a Colonel of Infantry, his commission to date from January, 1863. One of the main points made by Mr. Randolph was in regard to Gen. McDowell's testimony, the assertion being made that there was a dispatch in the War Department from Gen. McDowell, dated a month before the court-martial, which was in conflict with his testimony. The concluding paragraph in his speech was as follows:

"Mr. President, regarding this case I shall not, at this time at least, much longer detain the Senate. The conclusion of the reviewing board, that 'not one among all the gallant officers on that bloody field was less deserving of condemnation than Gen. Porter,' sums up and completes a report that will be considered among the most able, impartial, and carefully prepared documents connected with the history of military operations. Concluding, I will be pardoned for saying to the Senate that to me this case has taken on a peculiar personal interest. Although I had no acquaintance with Gen. Porter when he was charged, tried, and condemned, I formed my opinions at that time through a careful reading of the proceedings. During most of the years that have intervened since his condemnation I have been his immediate neighbor and personal friend. Thus I have seen his daily life. Necessarily an observer of his acts, participant in conversations, with free and unrestricted recourse to his very large correspondence, I say to the Senate that under no temptations, cruel and many as they have been, have I ever heard an expression from him, read a line from or to him, that would not have borne the criticism of the most patriotic man in the land. Through years I have been the daily witness of his patient endurance, and though he has borne himself as only brave men can, with outward show of composure, I have felt that it would have been infinitely more merciful had that brave and suffering soldier been shot to death on the day of his condemnation. Better this quick, though cruel fate, than have lived to encounter the desertion of timid friends, the taunts of cowards, the opprobrium of time-servers, and the dilatory justice of his Government. But time, though slow, has proved sure—the vindication of Gen. Porter, in the full light of all the facts, has been rendered by a board of United States officers and gentlemen skilled in the art of war, and competent to pass judgment. It remains for us to complete the reparation so long withheld."

There was only one interruption during the delivery of the address, and this occurred when Mr. Conkling asked for a more definite statement in regard to the testimony of Gen. McDowell and the General's alleged contradiction of it, as shown by the records of the War Department. At the close of the speech, Gen. Logan remarked that it would be shown that this statement in regard to McDowell was erroneous, and that the charge made against Capt. Douglas Pope would also be disproved. Gen. Logan having secured the floor for a continuation of the debate, the Senate adjourned. There is every indication at present that the case will not be abandoned in the Senate until it has been exhaustively discussed.

CRIMINALS AND THEIR DEEDS.

OFFENSES REPORTED YESTERDAY—PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Miss Laina, residing on Capitol Hill, while on her way to church last Tuesday night, was struck down, stunned, and carried into an open lot by a negro, who outraged and robbed her of a satchel and prayer-book. It was nearly two hours before she reached her home, her throat black with the choking one ear nearly cut from her head, and her body covered with bruises caused by the cuffs and kicks she had received. She now lies in a critical condition. A negro named Thomas Smathers was arrested yesterday, and was recognized as her assailant. At midnight, a crowd of about 100 men marched to the Seventh District Station-house and demanded the prisoner, but he had been removed to another station, where he was guarded during the night by the entire reserve Police force.

The jury in the case of "Babe" Bedford, Sandy Finn, and Edward Queenan, charged with the murder of George F. Hirth on the evening of Jan. 7, by striking him on the head with a stone tied in a handkerchief, and kicking him after he had fallen, came into court this morning and rendered, as directed, a verdict of guilty.

The following telegram from Collector Young at Raleigh, N. C., was received by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to-day: "Deputy Collector Pennington reports the capture of three illicit distilleries, containing 1,600 gallons of beer, in Chatham County, N. C., near the Randolph line, on Saturday last."

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 1.—The Post Office in this city was broken into last night and robbed of $3,000 worth of stamps.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The wagon manufactory of James Roose & Graham, in Jefferson-street, Memphis, Tenn., adjoining Lumkin's Theatre, was burned yesterday morning. The manufactory was the largest in the South. The fire originated in the paint-room. The building was totally destroyed. The loss is about $65,000, insured for $35,000 on the stock. The insurance is divided as follows: Western Assurance, of Toronto, $7,650; Fire Association, Philadelphia, $3,900; British America, $2,750; New-Orleans, $2,300; Commonwealth, of Boston, $400. During the progress of the fire Henry Lindsey, colored, was badly burned.

A slight fire occurred at the Border City Mill, in Fall River, Mass., yesterday, which was confined to the picker house. It took fire from an opener. The damage will probably not exceed $2,000. The main belt was injured, and it will possibly make necessary the stopping of the mill. Great excitement prevailed among the help, and several weavers fainted.

A slight fire occurred shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday in the dressing-room below the stage at Terrace Garden, in Fifty-eighth-street, near Third-avenue, while the ball of the "Lese Vorion" was in progress. The fire was, however, quickly extinguished, and no excitement or panic ensued. Damage, $100.

Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out on the lighter Jonathan Chase, belonging to John H. Starin, and loaded with alcohol, while lying at Pier No 27, East River. The firemen promptly extinguished the flames, and the damage will not exceed $1,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

A fire broke out at No. 187 Water-street at midnight last night, in the building occupied by Robert G. Ranson, for the sale of agricultural implements. The damage was about $600.

FREEMANAGH RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Robert A. Johnston, President of the Freemanagh Relief Association, has received to date $5,940, and the following disbursements have been made: Two hundred steam-ship tickets, sent to the Central Committee, $5,200; cash, ($100,) sent to the Central Committee, $497 50; cash on hand, $242 50: total, $5,940. He has appointed the following-named gentlemen to act on the committee in Philadelphia to distribute the Fund: Thomas B. Whitney, Esq., Chairman of the Town Commissioner, the venerable Archdeacon McMeel, the Rev. George Tettshall, the Rev. M. Carney, Baptist Gamble, Esq.; Thomas Elliott, Esq., Secretary; J. Molyneux, Esq., Treasurer. The names of those garnered in the Philadelphia Committee, of contributors to this fund that the money will be judiciously and impartially distributed to the most deserving persons, as they are men of republican and representative character.

SUICIDE WHEN SIXTY YEARS OLD.

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, March 1.—Abealoms Karnes, who, for 23 consecutive years, has been township and borough Treasurer, was to have met the Trustees of the township for the annual settlement to-day. As he did not keep the appointment, the Trustees proceeded to his house, where they found him dead on a pile of firewood, his throat cut with a razor, a bullet in his bowels and a revolver in his hand. Mr. Karnes was 66 years old. It is not known how his accounts stand, but he recently had a family trouble, which may have prompted suicide.

COLORED MEN ON JURIES

IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT.

THREE CIVIL RIGHTS CASES—THE RIVES DECISION REVERSED—THE PETITION IN JUDGE COLER'S CASE DENIED.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The United States Supreme Court convened, to-day after a recess of four weeks, and devoted the entire afternoon to the reading of opinions. The following were among the decisions rendered:

No. 752—Taylor Strauder vs. The State of West Virginia.—In error to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.—Strauder, the plaintiff in error—a negro—was indicted in the Circuit Court of Ohio County, West Va., in October, 1874, for murder. When his case came up for trial he filed a petition for its removal to the United States Circuit Court, upon the ground that the exclusion of colored citizens from juries by the act of the State Legislature of March 12, 1862, was virtually a denial of his right to the equal protection of the laws. His petition was denied, the case went to trial, and he was found guilty and sentenced. Upon appeal, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia affirmed the judgment. The case was thus brought here upon a writ of error, the plaintiff in error maintaining that the act of the State Legislature which excludes colored men from juries is in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, and that he was entitled to have his case removed to the United States Circuit Court. This court, after fully considering the fourteenth amendment—its nature, intention, and scope—holds: first, that the statute of West Virginia which, in effect, singles out and denies to colored citizens the right and privilege of participating in the administration of the law as jurors, because of their color, though qualified in all other respects, is unredeemably a brand upon them, affixed by the law, and is a discrimination against that race, forbidden by the amendment. It is a denial of the equal protection of the laws to the race thus excluded, since the constitution of juries is the very essential part of the protection which the trial by jury is intended to secure. The very idea of a jury is a body of men composed of the peers or equals of the person whose rights it is selected or summoned to determine—that is, of persons having the same legal status in society as that which he holds. Second, that where, as here, the State statute secures to every white man the right of trial by a jury, selected from, and without discrimination against, his race and, at the same time, permits or requires such discrimination against the colored man because of his race, the latter is not equally protected by law with the former. Third, that section 641 of the Revised Statutes, which provides for the removal of a case from the State to the Federal courts, when the defendant for any reason is denied in the State courts any right secured to him by any law providing for the equal rights of citizens of the United States, is not in conflict with the Federal Constitution. The judgment of the lower court is reversed, with costs, and the case is remanded to the Circuit Court of Ohio County. Mr. Justice Strong delivered the opinion; Judges Clifford and Field dissenting.

No. 3—(Original. Ex parte.)—Commonwealth of Virginia, petitioner.—This was was a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Rives, of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, to restore to the State authorities two colored prisoners, named Reynolds, indicted in the State courts for murder, and taken by Judge Rives out of the possession of the State officers and held for trial in the Federal court, on the ground that they [the prisoners] had been denied in the State tribunals such a trial by competent jurors, without distinction of race or color, as the laws of the State guaranteed to them. The action of Judge Rives in removing the case of the prisoners to the Federal courts was based on section 641 of the Revised Statutes. This court, in a long and carefully prepared opinion by Justice Strong, considers that section, in connection with sections 1,977 and 1978, and holds: First—That the object of these statutes, as of the Constitution which authorized them, was to place the colored race, in respect of civil rights, upon a level with the white race; made the rights and responsibilities, civil and criminal, of the two races exactly the same. Second—That the prohibitions of the fourteenth amendment have reference to State action exclusively, and not to any action of private individuals. Section 641 was also intended for the protection of the colored race against State action, and against that alone. Third—A State may act through different agencies; either by its legislative, its executive, or its judicial authorities, and the prohibitions of the amendment extend to all actions of the State denying equal protection of the laws, whether it be action by one of the agencies or by another. Congress, by virtue of the fifth section of the fourteenth amendment, may enforce the prohibitions whenever they are disregarded, by either the Legislative, the Executive, or the Judicial Department of the State. The mode of enforcement is left to its discretion. It may secure the rights that it enforces its recognition—by removing the case from a State court in which it is denied, into a Federal court, where it will be acknowledged. Fourth—But the fourteenth amendment is broader than the statute which authorizes the removal. Section 641 does not apply to all cases in which equal protection of the laws may be denied to a defendant. The removal authorized by the statute is a removal before trial or a final hearing. To judicial infractions of the constitutional amendment made after the trial has begun section 641 has no applicability. It was not intended to reach such cases. They were left to the revisory power of this court. Fifth—Therefore the denial or inability to enforce in the judicial tribunals of a State rights secured to a defendant by any law provided for the equal civil rights of all persons citizens of the United States, of which section 641 speaks, is primarily, if not exclusively, a denial of such rights, or an inability to enforce them, resulting from the Constitution or laws of the State, rather than a denial made manifest at the trial of the case. In other words, the statute has reference to a legislative denial, or an inability resulting from it. Sixth—The Constitution and laws of Virginia do not exclude colored citizens from serve on juries. The petition for removal, therefore, did not present a case for removal under section 641. Seventh—The defendant in this case moved in the State court that the venire be so modified that one-third, or some portion, of the jury should be composed of his own race. The denial of that motion was not a denial of a right secured to him by any law providing for the equal civil rights of citizens of the United States, or by any statute, or by the fourteenth amendment. A mixed jury in a particular case is not essential to the equal protection of the laws. He has a right to which any other man is entitled, that in the selection of jurors to pass upon his life, liberty, or property, there shall be no exclusion of his race, and no discrimination against them because of his color. But that is a different thing from that which was claimed as of right and denied in the State courts—viz., a right to have the jury composed in part of colored men. From these principles it follows that the Federal court had no rightful jurisdiction of the case, and that the writ of mandamus for the restoration of the prisoners to the State authorities must be granted, and the court so orders.

No. 4, (Original. Ex Parte.)—The Commonwealth of Virginia and J. D. Coler, Petitioner.—This is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus and certiorari to bring before this court the case of Judge Coler, indicted in the Federal court for the Western District of Virginia upon the charge of excluding all colored citizens from jury duties, on account of their race, color, and previous condition of servitude, and in violation of the act of March 4, 1875. The petitioner alleges that his arrest and imprisonment upon this indictment were unwarranted by the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his rights and the rights of Virginia, whose judicial officer he is, and that the inferior court had no jurisdiction to proceed against him. This court after a careful examination of the act of March 4, 1875, which provides for the trial and punishment of officers who excluded citizens from the jury list, on account of race and color, holds that not is authorized by the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution, for the enforcement of which Congress is given power to pass appropriate legislation. The court also holds that the inhibition contained in the fourteenth amendment means that no agency of the State, nor of the officers or agents by whom its powers are exerted, shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the la

FINANCIAL AFFAIRES.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 1.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10.30 A. M.

U. S. 5s D. ..... 81 | U. S. 4s C. 1907 109
$14,000 U. S. 4s C. 103¾ | $5,000 U. S. 4s C. 1907 ..... 109¼
U. S. 4½ C. ..... 109 | $5,000 ..... 109¼
$5,000 109

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—12 M.

U. S. 4½ R. ..... 109 | U. S. 4s R. 1907 109
$10,000 U. S. 4s R. ..... 109 | $10,000 ..... 109¼ | $10,000 ..... 109¼
U. S. 4s C. 109
$10,000 109

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2.30 P. M.

$10,000 U. S. 4s C. 1907 ..... 109¼

SALES TO $ P. M.

D. of C. 3.65s D.		Amsk Dem. Tel.	Pac. Mail & W.
$1,000 81		10 79	300 ..... 40⅞
L. S. & M. S.		Pittsburg	1100 ..... 40⅞
new 24 consol.		10 110	300 ..... 40⅞
25,000 ..... 90¾		Atlantic & Pacific	300 ..... 40⅞
10,000 ..... 90⅞		400 4	3300 ..... 40⅞
10,000 ..... 90⅞		100 ..... 4⅛	300 ..... 40⅞
26,000 91		100 ..... 4⅛	300 ..... 40⅞
25,000 ..... 91¼		100 ..... 4⅛	300 ..... 40⅞
N. Y. L. E. & W. inc.		100 ..... 4⅛	300 ..... 40⅞
new 2d 90		200 ..... 4⅛	1300 ..... 40⅞
20,000 ..... 89¾		200 ..... 4⅛	100 ..... 40⅞
5,000 ..... 89¾		Illinois Central	1700 ..... 41⅛
5,000 ..... 89¾		100 91	1000 ..... 41⅛
C. & O. 1st mge.		100 91	Chi. & West
1,000 91		N. Y. L. E. & W.	100 ..... 25¼
St. L. & I. M. 2d		500 ..... 44⅛	Kansas & Texas
5,000 ..... 103¾		2000 ..... 44⅛	900 ..... 42⅛
E. T. V. & Ga. 1st		200 ..... 44⅛	900 ..... 42⅛
20,000 ..... 89¾		200 ..... 44⅛	100 ..... 42⅛
10,000 ..... 89¾		2100 ..... 44⅛	100 ..... 42⅛
N. Y. L. E. & W.		400 ..... 44⅛	100 ..... 42⅛
4,000 ..... 89¾		2500 ..... 44⅛	900 ..... 42⅛
12,000 ..... 89¾		2500 ..... 44⅛	200 ..... 42⅛
Ohio & Miss.		2400 ..... 44⅛	200 ..... 42⅛
2,000 ..... 11⅛		2400 ..... 44⅛	200 ..... 42⅛
N. Y. C. 1st con.		2400 ..... 44⅛	200 ..... 42⅛
10,000 109		2400 ..... 44⅛	Lou., N. A. & C.
N. Y. L. E. & W.		200 ..... 44⅛	100 100
16,000 ..... 89¾		N. Y. L. E. & W. pf.	Louisv. & Nashv.
St. L. & C. & N.		500 ..... 79⅛	100 ..... 140¼
5,000 79		500 ..... 79⅛	Louisv. & Nashv.
1,000 ..... 107¼		500 ..... 79⅛	100 141
St. L. K. C. & N.		100 ..... 79⅛	100 ..... 141¼
Omaha div. inc.		100 71	Lake Erie & West.
1,000 71		Lake Shore	100 24
Can. So. 1st pf.		3500 ..... 108⅞	Metropolitan
26,000 ..... 90¼		1400 ..... 108⅞	Chi., St. P. & Min.
Texas Pac. inc.		100 ..... 10.108⅞	700 ..... 55⅞
14,000 ..... 7⅞		400 ..... 108⅞	Mat. & Cin. 1st pf.
10,000 ..... 7⅞		1000 ..... 108⅞	10 ..... 112⅞
10,000 ..... 7⅞		1000 ..... 108⅞	Noble & Ohio
C. C. A. & I. C.		1700 109	100 ..... 32⅞
6 m. con. ass.		1000 ..... 109⅞	100 24
1,000 ..... 89¼		Illinois Central	Metropolitan
C. C. & I. C. inc.		15 ..... bar. 90⅞	20 111
2,000 42		600 ..... 90⅞	200 111
2,000 42		200 ..... 90⅞	100 ..... 114⅞
Mob. & O. 1st div.		100 ..... 91⅛	Manhattan
10,000 ..... 75⅞		200 ..... 91⅛	300 ..... 45⅞
K. P. 1st con.		100 91	600 ..... 45⅞
2,000 ..... 97⅞		Central of N. J.	400 ..... 44⅞
E. P. 1st, I. & D.		200 93	300 ..... 45⅞
with coup. cert.		800 ..... 65⅞	N. Y. Elevated
10,000 117		100 ..... 65⅞	100 124
Mo. P. & T. 2s		750 67	300 125
5,000 ..... 56⅞		100 ..... 65⅞	Nash. C. & St. L.
5,000 66		100 ..... 65⅞	200 ..... 115⅞
Ind. B. & W. inc.		200 ..... 65⅞	100 ..... 115⅞
7,000 57		100 ..... 65⅞	100 ..... 115⅞
5,000 57		100 ..... 65⅞	100 ..... 115⅞
United States Ex.		500 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 115⅞
100 ..... 48⅞		500 ..... 66⅞	200 ..... 115⅞
100 48		500 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 115⅞
Adams Express		500 ..... 66⅞	400 ..... 115⅞
5 ..... 109¼		100 ..... 66⅞	400 ..... 116⅞
Illinois Central		Morris & Essex	1500 117
100 91		100 78	1500 117
150 ..... b5. 12⅞		200 108	N. Y. Out. & West
Mariposa		100 12	400 9
Gilmax Mining		C. St. L. & N. O.	100 9
500 ..... 2⅞		300 ..... 43⅞	550 ..... 59⅞
Can. Arizona Min.		100 ..... 43⅞	100 ..... 59⅞
100 ..... 8⅞		Michigan Central	100 ..... 59⅞
100 ..... 8⅞		100 91	1800 ..... 59⅞
Erie Transit		100 91	100 ..... 59⅞
400 ..... 8⅞		200 91	1300 ..... 59⅞
New Central Coal		100 ..... 91⅞	Ohio Central
200 ..... 29⅞		700 91	700 24
200 30		100 ..... 91⅞	100 ..... 24⅞
Standard Mining		100 ..... 91⅞	Phila. & Reading
200 27		500 ..... 91⅞	500 ..... 23⅞
100 ..... 26½		North-western	200 ..... 23⅞
Maryland Coal		200 ..... 91⅞	100 ..... 23⅞
100 27		100 ..... 91⅞	St. L. & San Fran.
Quicksilver		200 ..... 91⅞	100 ..... 43⅞
100 20		100 ..... 91⅞	St. L. & K. F. 1st pf
Den. & Hudson		1500 95	100 ..... 77⅞
100 ..... 79⅞		700 ..... 95⅞	100 ..... 77⅞
500 ..... 79⅞		100 ..... 95⅞	St. Paul & D.
200 ..... 79⅞		200 ..... 95⅞	100 ..... 48⅞
100 ..... 79⅞		North-western pf.	500 ..... b5. 42⅞
100 ..... 78⅞		500 ..... 106⅞	100 43
100 ..... b5. 78⅞		100 ..... 106⅞	St. P. & S. C.
100 ..... 78⅞		100 107	100 78
100 ..... 78⅞		100 107	200 78
300 ..... 79⅞		100 ..... 107⅞	200 78
1300 80		100 ..... 107⅞	200 78
200 ..... 80⅞		St. L. & I. M.	St. Paul
200 ..... 80⅞		200 ..... 79⅞	300 ..... 80⅞
Western Union		300 ..... 79⅞	200 81
8200 ..... 111⅞		200 ..... 79⅞	200 80
1100 ..... 112⅞		200 ..... 79⅞	100 ..... 80⅞
100 ..... 111⅞		100 ..... 79⅞	100 ..... 80⅞
100 ..... 111⅞		200 ..... 79⅞	100 ..... 80⅞
100 ..... 111⅞		100 ..... 79⅞	100 ..... 80⅞
100 112		100 85	100 ..... 80⅞
100 ..... b5. 112⅞		80 80	100 ..... 80⅞
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300 ..... 112⅞		100 ..... 80⅞	100 ..... 80⅞
300 ..... 112⅞		100 ..... 80⅞	Han. & St. Jo.
100 ..... 112⅞		St. Paul pf.	100 ..... 39⅞
200 ..... 112⅞		900 ..... 103⅞	650 ..... 39⅞
100 ..... 112⅞		Chic. & Ohio.	100 ..... 39⅞
700 ..... 113⅞		100 21	100 ..... 39⅞
Pacific Mail.		200 ..... 20⅞	200 ..... 39⅞
500 ..... 48⅞		Central Pacific.	300 ..... 82⅞
400 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... 80⅞	100 ..... 82⅞
900 ..... 48⅞		100 81	100 ..... 82⅞
600 ..... 48⅞		W. St. L. & Pac.	Han. & St. Jo. pf.
500 ..... 48⅞		50 ..... 41⅞	100 ..... 75⅞
1600 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... 41⅞	100 ..... 75⅞
200 ..... 48⅞		300 ..... 42⅞	100 ..... 75⅞
200 ..... 48⅞		50 ..... 42⅞	600 ..... 73⅞
400 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... b5. 42	100 ..... 73⅞
2600 ..... 48⅞		100 42	100 ..... 73⅞
6500 ..... 48⅞		200 ..... 42⅞	Ohio & Miss.
1100 ..... 48⅞		600 ..... 42⅞	700 ..... 33⅞
400 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... 42⅞	500 ..... 33⅞
900 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... b3. 42⅞	200 ..... 33⅞
300 ..... 48⅞		Wab., St. L. & Pac.	500 ..... 33⅞
1200 ..... 48⅞		200 ..... 67⅞	200 ..... 33⅞
1600 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... 67⅞	100 ..... b5. 33⅞
1300 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... 67⅞	100 ..... 33⅞
1500 ..... 48⅞		500 ..... 66⅞	300 34
1900 ..... 48⅞		200 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 34⅞
900 ..... 48⅞		100 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 34⅞
500 ..... b3. 50⅞		400 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 34⅞
800 ..... 48⅞		900 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 34⅞
500 50		1500 ..... 66⅞	Ohio & Miss. pf.
400 ..... 50⅞		100 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 71⅞
500 ..... 50⅞		200 ..... 66⅞	100 ..... 71⅞
500 ..... 50⅞		200 ..... 67⅞	100 ..... 70⅞
500 ..... 50⅞		100 ..... 67⅞	100 ..... 70⅞
500 ..... 50⅞		300 ..... 67⅞	100 ..... b3. 71⅞
300 ..... 50⅞		200 ..... 67⅞	100 72
300 ..... 50⅞		200 ..... 67⅞	100 72
500 ..... 50⅞		100 ..... 67⅞	C. St. L. C.
500 ..... 50⅞		Tenn. & Va. Coal	100 20
100 ..... 50⅞		100 ..... 67⅞	100 ..... 20⅞
100 ..... b3. 51⅞		H. & Texas Cent.	100 21
100 ..... b3. 51⅞		100 ..... b3. 80⅞	

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES—MARCH 1.

THIRD CALL—2.30 P. M.

South Hills.	New-York & Col.	Great Eastern.
100 h.c.s3.2.10	100 ..... h.c.2.15	500 h.c.s3 .48
100 h.c.s3.2.05	Bodie.	500 ..... h.c. .48
300 h.c.b3.2.05	25 ..... h.c.8.69	900 ..... h.c. .47
300 ..... b3.2	Gould Flagon.	2000 ..... .47
300 h.c.s60.1.90	500 h.c.s30. .55	2500 ..... .48
100 h.c.b30.2	500 h.c.s30. .57	1000 ..... b30. .50
100 h.c.s3.2	500 h.c.s3. .56	500 ..... .50
200 h.c.s60.1.90	700 ..... h.c. .55	500 ..... b60. .49
200 h.c.b3.2	400 h.c.b30. .57	200 ..... .49
200 h.c.b3.2	200 ..... h.c. .55	500 h.c.s60. .49
100 ..... 1.95	1000 ..... h.c. .56	1000 h.c.s30. .50
100 ..... b3.1.95	2400 h.c.b30. .57	Consol. Virginia
100 ..... b3.1.95	Kappahannock.	10 h.c.s3.2.70
Bella Isle.	200 h.c.s30. .11	300 ..... h.c.s3 .80
100 h.c.s3.1.15	300 h.c.s3. .12	100 ..... h.c.s3.2.60
Green Mountain.	500 h.c.b30. .12	500 h.c.s3.2.55
100 ..... h.c.s.20	1000 h.c.b60. .14	100 ..... h.c.3.80
100 ..... h.c.s.20	Leadville.	Caledonia.
500 ..... h.c.2.15	200 h.c.s3.1	200 h.c.b30.3.55
Granville.	Climax.	200 ..... h.c.3.50
1000 ..... h.c. .13	100 h.c.s60.2.60	Belwer.
100 h.c.b60. .13	100 ..... h.c.s.2.50	100 ..... h.c.s.50
200 ..... h.c. .14	100 h.c.b10.2.70	Belvidere.
200 ..... s.c. .35	500 h.c.s3.2.70	100 ..... s5.2.75
Tuscarora.	500 h.c.s3.2.65	Calaveras.
100 ..... h.c. .26	100 h.c.s3.2.70	200 ..... h.c. .75
Moose.	100 h.c.s.s3.2.70	Caucus.
300 ..... h.c.1.45	Standard.	200 ..... h.c.1.90
100 h.c.s10.1.45	100 h.c.s10.25	Lacrosse.
400 ..... h.c.1.40	California.	500 ..... s5 .47
3000 h.c.s60.1.45	10 h.c.s3.8.70	Lucerne.
200 ..... h.c.1.45	75 s.c.s3.8.50	500 h.c.s30. .18
200 ..... h.c.1.50	100 h.c.s3.8.65	Little Pittsburg
300 ..... h.c.1.60	Buckeye.	50 ..... h.c.13.75
South Belwer.	500 ..... h.c. .55	South Bodie.
300 ..... h.c.1.85	Dahlonega.	200 ..... s3. .83
500 ..... h.c.1.90	1000 ..... h.c. .20	100 ..... .83

MONDAY, March 1—P. M.

The week opened with an active speculation on the Stock Exchange, and the dealings throughout the day at intervals were characterized by much excitement. The feature of the market at the opening was Pacific Mail, which advanced 2 ⅌ cent under large purchases. Lake Shore was also conspicuous in point of activity, and advanced ½ ⅌ cent. Subsequently, the bears made a vigorous raid upon the market, and under the leadership of the Wabash shares a decline ranging from ½ to 3¼ ⅌ cent was recorded. The lower range of quotations induced large purchases for the long account, which caused a marked change in the temper of speculation, and the effect was witnessed in an advance in prices of ½ to 4 ⅌ cent., the latter in Pacific Mail. The upward movement in this stock was based on the announcement that the Executive Committees of the Pacific railroads and the Pacific Mail Company have made an agreement, of which the following is a synopsis: The overland railroad companies are to have for five years the entire control of the through passenger and freight business of the Pacific Mail Company, for which they are to pay to that corporation $110,000 per month. They also agree to purchase two of the steamers of the China Line for $1,200,000, subject to inspection, for which 90 days are allowed, payable for at the rate of $100,000 per month. The local business of the Pacific Mail Company, according to the statement of a prominent officer, will pay its working expenses, and leave a balance of $10,000 per month toward a sinking fund. The balance of the earnings go to the stockholders, who have a reasonable assurance of a dividend. Outside of Pacific Mail, the Granger shares, the coal stocks, Erie, the South-western and telegraph shares were most conspicuous in the improvement. The rise in the coal stocks was based on the belief generally prevailing that a further rise in the prices of coal is imminent. The general market closed strong, with an advancing tendency.

The transactions aggregated 421,380 shares, including 78,900 Erie, 69,685 Pacific Mail, 45,200 Lake Shore, 31,500 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 21,120 Wabash, 21,970 Western Union, 18,700 North-western, 17,400 Omaha and Texas, 12,626 Kansas and Texas, 12,400 Ohio and Mississippi, 10,550 St. Paul, 9,100 Hannibal and St. Joseph, 8,800 New-Jersey Central, 8,200 Nashville and Chattanooga, 7,025 from Mountain, 5,300 Delaware and Hudson, and 5,050 Little Pittsburg.

North-west common rose from 93¾ to 98¼, fell off to 91⅞, and recovered to 92½; the preferred fell off from 107¼ to 106½, and recovered to 107¼. St. Paul common declined from 80⅞ to 79, rallied to 80⅞, and closed at 80½; the preferred sold up 2 ⅌ cent lower, rallying at 108½. Erie fell off from 45⅞ to 43⅞, and rallied to 45; the preferred declined from 71 to 70½, and later recovered to 71; Lake Shore rose from 108½ to 109¼, fell off to 108¼, and advanced to 109½; Michigan Central declined from 91⅞ to 90⅞, and rallied to 91½; Canada Southern declined from 66½ to 64⅞; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western rose from 92¼ to 92½, fell off to 89⅞, and recovered to 91⅛; Delaware and Hudson rose from 80 to 80¼, declined to 78⅞, and recovered to 80½; New-Jersey Central rose from 67 to 67¼, declined to 65, and recovered to 66⅞; Morris and Essex was 1 ⅌ cent lower, selling at 108; Reading declined from 69⅞ to 68⅞, and later sold at 69¾; New Central sold at 29½; Kansas and Texas declined from 44 to 42⅞, and recovered to 43⅞; Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis declined from 117⅞ to 114½, and rallied to 117¼; Louisville and Nashville declined from 140 to 139, and advanced to 141½; Ohio and Mississippi fell off from 35⅛ to 33⅞, and preferred from 74 to 70½, but the former recovered to 34½, and the latter to 72; St. Paul and Sioux City declined from 48½ to 42½, and preferred from 79½ to 78; Wabash fell off from 43⅞ to 42, and preferred from 68⅞ to 65½, with a recovery to 42⅞ and 67½, respectively; Iron Mountain rose from 61¼ to 61⅞, declined to 59½, and recovered to 60½; Union Pacific advanced from 90⅞ to 91½, fell off to 90¼, and recovered to 91¼; Central Pacific advanced from 80⅛ to 81; Ohio Central declined from 25½ to 24; Louisville, New-Albany and Chicago declined to 100; Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans rose from 44 to 44½, and declined to 43¼; C., C., C. and I. fell off from 78½ to 77, and recovered to 78; C., C. and I. C. declined from 21⅞ to 20, and closed at 21; Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis declined from 56½ to 55½, and Chesapeake and Ohio from 21⅞ to 20⅞, but the latter closed at 21; Hannibal and St. Joseph fell off from 40⅞ to 39¾, and preferred from 74⅞ to 72⅞, with a recovery to 39¾ and 73⅞, respectively; Houston and Texas rose from 80½ to 81¼, and reacted to 80½; Lake Erie and Western dropped from 31¼ to 30, and rallied to 30¼; Ontario and Western declined from 29 to 28, and rose to 29½; Manhattan Elevated rose from 44⅞ to 45½; Metropolitan advanced to 115, and reacted to 114; New-York declined to 122; Western Union dropped from 114⅞ to 111½, and rose to 113; Atlantic and Pacific broke from 48⅞ to 45⅞, and recovered to 47; American District declined 2½ ⅌ cent, to 70; Pacific Mail advanced from 48¼ to 48¾, reacted to 47⅞, and rose to 51⅛; New-York Central ranged between 131½ and 132; New-York and New-Haven sold at 156¼; Chicago and Alton at 106⅝; Illinois Central declined from 102⅛ to 101½, and recovered to 102⅛. Among mining shares, Standard dropped from 27½ to 24, and recovered to 27; Little Pittsburg fell off from 13⅞ to 11¾, recovered to 12⅝, and reacted to 12; Central Arizona declined from 9 to 8½.

The Money market was easy, with the great bulk of the business in call loans at 4 ⅌ cent on pledge of United States bonds, and at 5@6 ⅌ cent. on stock collaterals. During the afternoon the rate was bid up to 1-32 of 1 ⅌ cent, in addition to legal interest, but the advance brought out free offerings of capital, and at the close loans were effected at 4@5 ⅌ cent. on stocks, and at 3 ⅌ cent. on Governments. Discounts are unchanged. The Treasury to-day began the payment of the March interest on the public debt, which amounts to $2,812,500. The following were the rates of domestic exchange on New-York at the undermentioned cities to-day: Savannah, buying, 1-16, selling, 3-16@¼ premium; Charleston, steady, par @⅛, ⅛@¼; New-Orleans, commercial, 50 discount, bank, 1 premium; St. Louis, 110 discount; Chicago, 80c.@80c. discount, and Boston, 40c. discount.

The foreign advices reported British Consols at London a shade higher at the opening, but at the close they had reacted to 97⅞@97⅞ for both money and the account. United States Government bonds closed firm and unchanged, except for 4½s, which declined ⅛ ⅌ cent, to 110⅝. American railway securities were generally weak and lower; Erie common fell off from 47⅛ to 45⅝, and do. preferred from 72⅝@74 to 70⅝@75; do. consolidated Seconds declined ½ ⅌ cent, to 94, but advanced to 95; do. funded 5s were quoted at 89@90; Illinois Central sold down from 105½ to 104¾; Pennsylvania from 54 to 53¾; Atlantic and Great Western common stock from 10½ to 10; do. preferred from 9½ to 9; do. Firsts from 70 to 69; do. Seconds from 32 to 31; Reading advanced from 35 to 35½, but reacted to 35; New-Jersey Central stock was quoted at 87@89, against 85@87 on Saturday; do. consolidated Firsts rose from 109½ to 110. Bar Silver was quoted at 51¾d. ⅌ ounce, and Mexican dollars at 50¾d. At Paris, Rentes declined to 82f. 10c.

The Sterling Exchange market was dull and without change in the nominal rates. Business was done at concessions of ¾@1 cent under the posted quotations.

Government bonds were firm and in good demand. Registered 4s and coupon 4½s were quoted ex interest. In railroad mortgages a large and well-distributed business was reported. The chief activity was in Erie consolidated Seconds, which, after selling down to 90, advanced to 91½ under an active demand; do. funded 5s fell off to 84¾, and later rose to 85⅝; Kansas and Texas Firsts sold at 101½ ex interest, while do. Seconds declined 1 ⅌ cent, to 68; Iron Mountain seconds sold at 103@103½, and do. preferred incomes declined from 82¼ to 80¼, with final sales, however, at 83; Lehigh and Wilkesbarre issues were firm, consolidated assented selling at 98¼@98⅝, ex interest, and incomes rising from 74 to 75; Canada Southern Firsts declined to 90, and Texas Pacific incomes to 74, but the former afterward recovered to 90½, while the latter advanced to 75⅛; Chesapeake and Ohio Firsts, Series B, fell off to 38; do. Currency 6s to 42½; Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg consolidated Firsts to 70¾; C., C. and I. C. Firsts to 89; do. supplementary to 89½, and incomes to 43. The last named afterward sold at 44. The market closed firm. In State bonds the dealings were small; District of Columbia 3.65s rose to 96.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—MARCH 1.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	109⅞	109⅞
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	108⅞	108
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	103½	103⅝
Adams Express	108⅞	108⅞
American Express	57	56⅞
Albany and Susquehanna	107	107
Alton and Terre Haute	24⅞	24⅞
Alton and Terre Haute pref	64	64
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph	48⅞	47
American District Telegraph	72⅞	70
Boston Water Power	8⅞	8⅞
Boston Air Line	53	54
B., C. R. and Northern	111	111
Canada Southern	66⅞	65⅞
Canada Southern	66⅞	65
Cleve., Col., Cin. and Ind.	77	77
Cleveland and Pittsburg	128	128
Chicago and Alton	107	106⅞
Chicago and Alton pref	117	117
Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis	56⅞	55⅞
Chicago and North-west	107⅞	107⅞
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul	80⅞	80⅞
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul pref	108	108⅞
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	132	132
Cleveland and Pittsburg	128⅞	128⅞
Consolidation Coal	35⅞	35⅞
Cumberland Coal	22	22
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	92⅞	91⅞
Delaware and Hudson Canal	80	80⅞
Brooklyn Elevated	30	31
Brooklyn and Jokomo	21⅞	22⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph	39⅞	39⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref	74⅞	73⅞
Harlem	150	150
Hocking Valley Mining	24	24
Houston and Texas	80⅞	80⅞
Illinois Central	102⅞	102⅞
Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western	26⅞	26⅞
Central Pacific	80⅞	81
Ohio Central	25⅞	24⅞
Keokuk and Des Moines	12⅞	12⅞
Keokuk and Des Moines pref	37⅞	37⅞
Lake Shore	108⅞	109⅞
Lake Erie and Western	31⅞	30⅞
La Fayette	20	20
Louisville and Nashville	140	141⅞
Little Pittsburg	13⅞	12
Long Island City	100	100
Manhattan Railroad	45⅞	45⅞
Marietta and Cincinnati	3⅞	3⅞
Marietta and Cincinnati 2d pref	12	12
Metropolitan Railroad	111	111
Michigan Central	91⅞	91⅞
Mobile and Ohio	24	24
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	14⅞	14⅞
Manhattan Elevated	45⅞	45⅞
Maryland Coal	27	27
Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis	117⅞	117⅞
New-Jersey Coal	20	20
New-Jersey Central	67⅞	66⅞
New-York Central	132⅞	132
New-York and New-Haven	156⅞	156⅞
New-York Dental	122	122
New-York, Lake Erie and Western	44⅞	44⅞
New-York, Lake Erie and Western pref	71	71
Northern Pacific	33⅞	33⅞
Northern Pacific pref	55⅞	55⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	34⅞	34⅞
Ohio and Mississippi pref	70⅞	70⅞
Ontario and Western	29⅞	29
Ohio Central	24	24
Pacific Mail	48⅞	48⅞
Peoria, Dec. and Evansville	22	22
Oregon Short Line and Nav.	110	110
Oregon Railway and Navigation	110	110
Pacific Mail	48⅞	51⅞
Pacific Express	82	82
Pennsylvania	53⅞	53⅞
Philadelphia and Reading	69⅞	69⅞
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago	112	112
Pullman Palace Car Company	120⅞	120⅞
Quicksilver	20	20
Quicksilver pref	40	40
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg	84⅞	84⅞
Rensselaer and Saratoga	119	119
Standard Mining	27⅞	24⅞
Sutro Tunnel	2⅞	2⅞
St. Louis and San Fran.	44	43⅞
St. Louis and San Francisco pref	87⅞	86⅞
St. Louis and San Francisco 1st pref	78	78⅞
St. Louis and Iron Mountain	61⅞	59⅞
St. P. and S. City	42⅞	42⅞
St. Paul and S. City pref	79	79
Union Pacific	91	90⅞
W., St. L. and Pacific	43⅞	42
W., St. L. and Pacific pref	68⅞	67⅞
Western Union Telegraph	113⅞	111⅞
United States Express	48⅞	48
Total sales		491,330

*Ex interest.

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds.

	Bid.	Asked.
United States 6s, 1880, registered	103⅞	104
United States 6s, 1881, registered	104⅞	105
United States 6s, 1881, registered	105⅞	106⅞
United States 6s, 1881, coupons	105⅞	106⅞
United States 5s, 1881, registered	103⅞	103⅞
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	103⅞	103⅞
United States 4½s, 1891, registered	107⅞	108⅞
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	107⅞	108⅞
United States 4s, 1907, registered	105⅞	105⅞
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	106⅞	106⅞
United States currency 6s, 1895	126	----
United States currency 6s, 1896	126⅞	----
United States currency 6s, 1897	126⅞	----
United States currency 6s, 1898	127	----
United States currency 6s, 1899	127	----

*Ex interest.

The following were the bids for the various State securities:

Ala., class 4, sm.	63	N. C. N. C. R.	83-4-5.110
Ala., class 5, 5s	91	N. C. N. C. R. 7s	1.05
Ala., class 5, 2 to 5	73½	N. C. N. C. R. 4s	0.110
Ark. 7s, L. R. & Ft. S.	15	N. C. N. C. R. 4s, cpn.	90
Cents. Ba. 6s	105	N. C. L. 1s, 1910	125
Ga. 7s	110	N. C. 7s, '68-'98	10¼
Ga. 7s, mid	100	N. C. 6s, "	72-8
Ga. 7s, g	100	N. C. 6s, 1919	17⅞
Ill. coupons, 6s	100	N. C. R.	40
Ill. 6s, 1	100	N. C. ex 1 c. 1 '86-'9	5
Ky. 6s	100	N. C. ex 1 c. 1 2	4⅞
La. 6s, 7s	42	N. C. ex 1 c. 1 3	4⅞
La. 7s, new	70	Ohio 6s, 1860	101
Mich. 6s '85	102	Ohio 6s, '86	102
Mich. 7s, '90	111	Ohio 5s	101
Mich. 5s, due '86	100	Ohio 6s, A. & S.	102
Mo. 6s, due '89 or '90	108⅞	Tenn. 6s, o. '90-'95	36⅞
Mo. A. or U. due '92-'107	75	T. 6s, n. '92-3-1900	31⅞
Mo. Ga. 6s, due '95	109	Tenn. 6s, n. n. a. '74	31⅞
Mo. S. & S. 1st, 7s, '87	107	Va. 6s, o.	30
Mo. H. & S. 2, due '87	106	Va. 6s, n. '66	24
N. Y. 6s, g. r.	97	Va. 6s, n. '67	24
N. Y. 6s, g. r.	97	Va. 6s, cons.	75
N. Y. 6s, g. r.	97	Va. 6s, ex-ma.	75
N. Y. 6s, r.	91	Va. 6s, def.	8⅞
N. Y. 6s, g. r.	92	Va. Coal 5.65s '24	95
N. Y. 6s, g. r.	93	Dis. Col. s.	96
N. Y. 6s, r.	92	Dis. Col. 3.65s '24	96½
N. C. 6s, A. O.	29		

And the following for railway mortgages:

B. & O. 1st 6s, P. br.	109	L. & N. C. 7s	108½
B. C. R. & N. 1st 5s	88⅞	L. & D. 1st

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CITY OF CHESTER ..... Saturday, March 20, 12:30 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK ..... Thursday, March 25, 3 P. M.
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This Company has been organized under the laws of the State of New-York, for the purpose of establishing telegraphic communication with

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MEXICO is so situated geographically as to be the natural channel through which all telegrams between North and Central America must conveniently pass, thus practically controlling the growing traffic of the Pacific Coast, from CHILI to CALIFORNIA on the WEST, and the GULF of MEXICO on the EAST.

The cost of the present undertaking will be under $600,000. It will consist of about 800 miles of Submarine Cable, (with no land lines,) which will begin on the Southern Coast of Texas, and be continued to the Cities of Tampico and Vera Cruz, Mexico, connecting there with the Mexican Government lines built over the railway to the City of Mexico, from which point 7,500 miles of wire extend to all the important cities of that Republic.

Arrangements have been made for acquiring a concession, granted by the Mexican Government, by which the control of all foreign telegrams to and from places in Mexico, south of a line 150 miles south of the boundary line of the United States, is secured exclusively for the term of fifty years, and the right of establishing and working telegraph cables between the United States, Central and South America, via Mexico, is secured for fifty years, during which time the Government of Mexico binds itself not to grant to others the privilege.

The control of an advantageous contract with the Western Union Telegraph Company and its connections can be acquired without cost to this company, securing for the term of twenty-five years the exclusive exchange of all telegrams to and from points reached by this proposed cable.

The early completion of the railway now building across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and the projected ship canals of Panama and Nicaragua will open direct trade via the Gulf of Mexico between the interior cities of the United States and Central and South America, China, Japan, India and Australia, creating an immense telegraphic traffic between the Isthmus of Central America and all parts of the world, which will be of great value to this telegraph system, protected as it is by exclusive rights for fifty years.

No estimate of Mexican telegraphing can be made from the returns of existing lines, owing to the fact that the wire crosses the Texas frontier, and the Government of Mexico pass through a mountainous and unsettled country, where it is impossible to maintain them efficiently.

For several years the telegraph lines of the Island of Cuba have averaged about $800,000 annually. Cuba has a population of 1,500,000, and a commerce variously estimated to be from $100,000,000 to $125,000,000 annually. Mexico has a population of 9,500,000, and an annual commerce estimated to be from $75,000,000 to $100,000,000.

If Cuba's telegraphing amounts to $800,000 annually, that of Mexico, which is more distant, when fully developed, cannot be less than $225,000 a year.

This estimate, which is irrespective of the local telegraphing certain to be developed between the frontier towns and cities of Mexico, and exclusive of any accession of traffic from the extension of telegraphic communication with the Central and South American States, would give the following results:

Revenue from Messages according to above estimate	$225,000
Annual working expenses, three Cables	
Salaries and N. Y. office $45,000	
Reserve and Repair Fund 30,000	75,000
Net annual income	$150,000

Being at the rate of 15 per cent. on a capital of $1,000,000.

Negotiations are in progress for the extension of telegraphic communication with Guatemala, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, United States of Colombia, Ecuador, connecting collectively with the lines of this Company and the established lines from Payta, Peru, to Chili and Brazil, on terms very beneficial to this Company. These extensions will bring a large accession of traffic over its cables, which will largely control the telegraphing of an aggregate population of over 15,000,000, and an annual commerce of $2,000,000,000, which is rapidly increasing.

The receipts from the carriage of messages in connection with this extension will, it is estimated, largely increase the amount above estimated as derivable from Mexico.

All telegrams between North America, and Brazil, Chili, and Peru, will be sent and return via New-York, London, Portland, and Buenos Ayres, at the following rates, which are practically prohibitory:

	Estimate from the United States, via Cuba.	*Present Rates.*
Dispatch.	N. Y. and Ventura, U. S. Colombia.	Miles. Miles.
N. Y. and Panama, Peru	Each word, $7 85	10,367 2,618
N. Y. and Callao	Each word, 7 75	9,621 2,278
N. Y. and Valpo, CHILI	Each word, 7 35	9,200 3,867
N. Y. and Monte Video	Each word, 4 60	7,700 5,110
N. Y. and Rio Janeiro	Each word, 4 10	6,560 7,100

The extension of this more direct line via Mexico and the South Pacific insures a large through and local traffic, which will be diverted from the Atlantic Cables, now unnecessarily diverted from the Atlantic Cities and the Western Union lines, will be secured at rates lower than by any other route.

To secure the completion of the cable to Vera Cruz, via Tampico, offers from English Cable makers insure the cable being laid, and in working order for about $600,000, within six months after receiving the order.

As the sections of cable are about the lightest being about 200 miles, there is no reason to apprehend any delay or difficulty in installing these offers, as the cable can be laid serially with the present employ of 1,500 fathoms of water, on a bottom unusually favorable.

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CHAS. TOWNSEND,
GEO. D. BARNORE.

New-York, Feb. 2, 1880.

The business will be continued by me in my own name.

CHAS. TOWNSEND.

New-York, Feb. 2, 1880.

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INTERNATIONAL AND GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY OF TEXAS.—The stock of the International and Great Northern Railroad Company is now ready for delivery to persons holding the Purchasing Committee's stock receipts. The exchange will be made at the office of J. S. Kennedy & Co., No. 63 William-st., New-York. By order of the Purchasing Committee.

JOHN S. KENNEDY, Chairman.

HOLDERS OF FIRST AND SECOND PERIOD Bonds of St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company, who have not yet exchanged their bonds for the consolidated bonds, can have the same exchanged on application at the office of the undersigned, and to do so now.

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With the view of creating a market for its shares there have contributed about 25,000 shares of its capital stock, which have been placed in the hands of the undersigned for sale.

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Pamphlets and Descriptive Maps will be sent to applicants.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK, in the STATE OF NEW-YORK, at the close of business on the 31ST DAY of JANUARY, 1880:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$11,111,361 83
United States bonds to secure circulation	1,324,000 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	500,000 00
United States bonds on hand	449,000 00
Other stocks and bonds	960 00
Due from other national banks	197,388 21
Due from State banks and bankers	28,704 68
Real estate	830,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	8,148 38
Checks and other cash items	21,495 88
Exchanges for Clearing-house	3,975,729 45
Bills of other national banks	378,275 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	3,136 79
Specie (including gold Treasury notes)	4,105,[illegible] 79
Legal-tender notes	265,888 00
United States certificates of deposit for legal-tender notes	555,000 00
Redemption fund with United States Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	71,866 00
Due from United States Treasurer (other than 5 per cent. redemption fund)	10,650 00
Total	$20,212,018 53

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$5,000,000 00
Surplus fund	1,000,000 00
Other undivided profits	722,541 85
National bank notes outstanding	1,418,[illegible] 00
State bank notes outstanding	[illegible]
Individual deposits	12,131,576 22
Certified checks	4,576,029 [illegible]
United States deposits	1,[illegible]
Due to other national banks	1,179,[illegible] 91
Due to State banks and bankers	6,051,276 45
Total	$20,212,018 53

I, RICHARD KING, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RICHARD KING, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 1880.

Notary Public, New-York County.

Correct—attest:
WM. H. MACY,
GEO. W. ADEE, } Directors.
A. A. LOW,

PHELPS, STOKES & CO.,

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OFFICE OF THE
NEW-YORK, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LONDON
TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
No. 97 BROADWAY, New-York, Feb. 24, 1880.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER OF THE Board of the stockholders, the Transfer Books of the MOOSE MOUNTAIN COMPANY will be closed on the 8th of March and reopen on the 16th day of March, 1880.

EDWARD LONGSTREET, Secretary.

A.—ATLANTIC & PACIFIC R. R. STOCK
Pacific Mail Stock
Western Union Stock
Midland Stock and Bonds.
Missouri Pacific Stock.
N. Y. & Oswego Midland Bonds.
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DIVIDENDS.

THE INTEREST ON THE FOLLOWING Bonds of Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway Company, will be paid on and after March 1, 1880:

COLUMBUS, IND., Water-work 7s.
DAYTON AND MICHIGAN RAILROAD CO., Second Mortgage 7s.
Toledo Extension mortgage 7s.
Toledo Depot second mortgage 7s.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., School House 8s.
LOGANSPORT, IND., Funded Loan 6s.
Water-work 7s.
PITTSBURG, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R. CO., First Mortgage 7s.
Second Mortgage 7s.
Equipment Mortgage 8s.
POMEROY, OHIO, Street Improvement 8s.
RICHMOND, IND., Bond Funding 8s.
SCIOTO VALLEY RAILROAD CO., Equipment 8s.
March 1s.
VIGO COUNTY, IND., School House 8s.

OFFICE OF THE
STERLING FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 155 BROADWAY,
New-York, Feb. 11, 1880.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.

A dividend of 3 1-2 per cent. is payable on demand.

J. E. Van Benscoten, Sec.

OFFICE OF THE EXCELSIOR WATER AND MINING COMPANY, No. 31 BROAD-ST., New-York, Feb. 24, 1880.

DIVIDEND NO. 34.

The Excelsior Water and Mining Company will pay a dividend of TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per share at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 65 Broadway, on March 1.

The transfer books will close on the 26th inst.

H. E. PARSONS, Assistant Secretary.

A REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND of 3½ per cent. on the capital stock of the RAILROAD SECURITY COMPANY has been declared this day, payable at the office of CLARK, POST & MARTIN, No. 34 Pine-st., New-York. E. W. CLARK & CO., No. 35 South 3d-st., Philadelphia.

New-York, Feb. 26, 1880.

E. A. V. POST, Treasurer.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Coupons of the first mortgage bonds of this company maturing March 1, 1880, will be paid on and after that day at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New-York, or the Treasurer's office of the company, No. 276 South 4th-st., Philadelphia.

GEO. D. ERUMBHAR, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 23, 1880.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS (CORDAIA BRANCH).—Coupons from these bonds due March 1 next, will be paid upon presentation and after that date at the office of Messrs. DREXEL, MORGAN & CO., corner Wall and Broad-sts., New-York.

W. KAMMERER, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17, 1880.

THE EQUITABLE CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY has declared Dividend No. 8, of Twenty-five Cents per share, payable at the office of LADLAW & CO., 14 Wall-st., New-York. The transfer books on all stock issued from the New-York transfer agency will close on the 10th inst. and reopen 24 succeeding. Transfer books close on the 10th inst. and reopen 24 succeeding.

WM. H. LENT, Secretary.

ELECTIONS.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1880.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company, for the election of Directors and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the company, in Cleveland, on WEDNESDAY, the 3d day of March next.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of this instant until March 4 inclusive.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

STUYVESANT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
129 BOWERY AND 204 BROADWAY,
New-York, Feb. 18, 1880.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR TWENTY-five Directors will be held at the office of the company, No. 129 Bowery, on TUESDAY, March 2, 1880. Poll opened at 10 A. M. and closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

GEO. A. BRIGGS, Secretary.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

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CHAMBER-MAID AND FINE WASHING.—Wanted, a competent girl to do fine work and fine washing, or waiting; good City reference. Call at No. 304 East 44th-st.

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CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—By a competent young woman; don't object to a short distance in the country; City references. Call at No. 105 East 50th-st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS OR Chamber-maid and Nurse.—By a young girl; City or country; first-class references. Address A. R., Box No. 353 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A GIRL AS FIRST-class chamber-maid and excellent seamstress; also fine laundress; good City references. Address Y. Z., Box No. 1,238 Times Up-town Office.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A YOUNG GIRL, as chamber-maid and waiting in a private family. Call at No. 147 3d-av., between 15th and 16th sts.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS OR Nurse.—By a respectable Welsh girl; best City reference. Call at No. 237 West 10th-st.

COOK—WAITRESS.—BY TWO RESPECTABLE young women, one as first-class cook, other as first-class waitress; thoroughly understand their business; best City references from last employers. Call at No. 221 East 24th-st.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG ENGLISHWOMAN; understands French, English, and American cooking; can set up dinner parties, do marketing; first-class baker and pastry; best City reference. Call, for two days, at No. 230 West 25th-st., fancy store.

COOK AND LAUNDRESS, OR LAUNDRESS Only.—By a respectable woman; breaking up house. Leaving West 23d-st. Box No. 311 Times Uptown Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

COOK.—BY A WOMAN; FIRST-CLASS, IN PRIvate family; understands all sorts meats, poultry, game, soups; good City reference. Call, two days, at No. 496 2d-av., no cards.

COOK, &c.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL AS good plain cook and assist in washing or do coarse washing; best City reference. Call at No. 163 East 44th-st., first floor.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN AS GOOD COOK; capable in fine or coarse washing; willing and obliging; best City references. Call at No. 149 East 44th-st., first floor, from last employer.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN AS GOOD COOK; Call at No. 132 West 33d-st., grocery.

COOK.—BY COMPETENT WOMAN AS FIRST-class cook in a private family; best City references; no objection to the country. Call at No. 439 7th-av., between 34th and 35th sts.

COOK.—BY A COMPETENT COOK AND BAKER; German; private family or boarding-house; would assist in washing; best City references. Call at No. 140 West 17th-st., in store.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS GOOD cook and do coarse washing; no objection to a short boarding-house; best City references. Call at No. 225 West 53d-st., third bell.

COOK.—BY YOUNG WOMAN AS FIRST-CLASS cook in private family, with or without kitchen-maid. Address, by note, A. R., No. 9 East 57th-st., present employer.

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COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A girl in a private family; good City references. Call at No. 330 East 53d-st.

COOK, &c.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS good cook, washer, and ironer; City references. Call at No. 141 East 41st-st.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG EXPERIENCED WOMAN (German) plain cook; City references. Call at No. 204 East 26th-st.

COOK.—A LADY WOULD LIKE TO PROCURE A situation for an excellent cook; willing to assist with washing and ironing. Apply at No. 9 East 38th-st.

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DRESS-MAKER.—DESIRES A FEW ENGAGEments by the day; is a good cutter, fitter, and a stylish seamster. Call at No. 842 West 28th-st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, 17 years old, to do light house-work and make herself generally useful; no children. Call at No. 301 West 40th-st., two stairs up.

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LAUNDRESS.—BY A NORTH OF IRELAND Protestant woman as first-class laundress; best City references; City or country. Call at No. 119 West 53d-st., one flight.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG Lowanian in small private family; first-class City references; wages no object. Call, for two days, at No. 212 East 57th-st., no cards.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A PROTESTANT WELSH Lowanian as first-class laundress; thoroughly understands her business; best City references. Address R. R., Box No. 328 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN AS FIRST-class laundress in private family; no objection to the country. Call at 112 Madison-st., present employer's.

LAUNDRESS AND CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A Swedish girl; first-class City references. Call at No. 129 West 20th-st.

NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE FRENCH GIRL, to take care of children, or as lady's maid and dressmaker; good hair-dresser; best City references. Call at No. 99 West 36th-st.

NURSE.—BY A COMPETENT PROTESTANT young woman as nurse; best of references from last employer. Address Parisk, No. 5 Pacific-place, West 25th-st.

NURSE.—BY RESPECTABLE PERSON; NO OBjections to travel; would wait on a lady going to Europe; best references. Address R. S., Box No. 276 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,238 Broadway.

NURSE.—BY EXPERIENCED PROTESTANT nurse; will take charge of baby from birth; best City references. Call at No. 411 West 40th-st., second floor, for two days.

NURSE OR CHAMBER-MAID.—UNDERstands bringing infant up on the bottle; no objections to country or City; or wait on an invalid; good references. Call, all the week, at No. 319 East 25th-st.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG GIRL, LATELY LANDED, as nurse; would be willing to wash young children. Call, for two days, between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., at No. 760 3d-av.

NURSE.—BY A LADY FOR A COMPETENT AND reliable young girl as nurse to growing children, or chamber-maid; best City reference. Call at No. 130 Lexington-av., present employer's.

NURSE.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG PROTestant

THE PUBLIC DEBT REDUCED

WHAT THE MARCH STATEMENT SHOWS.

A DECREASE DURING FEBRUARY OF $5,672,000—COIN AND CURRENCY BALANCES AND THE WORK OF THE MINTS.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The decrease in the public debt for February is $5,672,000, and the aggregate decrease for the eight months of the current fiscal year ending with February is over $32,000,000. This aggregate would have been about $40,000,000 had it not been for the large disbursements made in July last on account of the Arrearages of Pensions act, which caused an increase in the debt for July of over $6,000,000. The decrease in the bonded debt for February is nearly $11,500,000, and since July 1 the aggregate decrease in this debt is $27,490,848. Of this amount, about $20,000,000 were 6 per cent. bonds. The annual saving in the interest charge by the payment of this amount of the bonded debt since July 1 is $1,550,000. The available cash balance now in the Treasury, after deducting the amounts held for the payment of called bonds, interest due, and all other demand liabilities, is $151,827,724, an increase over the same balance for Feb. 1 of nearly $2,000,000. The present cash balance is equal to about 44 per cent. of the United States notes now outstanding.

The Committee on Ways and Means have authorized Mr. Wood to report a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to maintain as a fund, to guarantee the parity of United States notes, a reserve equal to 40 per cent. of those notes, and to purchase bonds for the sinking fund with the reserve in excess of the 40 per cent. Such a bill, if passed, would require the Secretary to maintain a resumption fund of about $139,000,000, and the fact that the Treasury contains from $10,000,000 to $12,000,000 in excess of that amount will add strength to the measure alluded to when it reaches the House.

The net gold balance, compared with Feb. 1, has decreased about $2,000,000, and the net balance of standard silver dollars has increased about $2,000,000. The amount of silver dollars now on hand, including nearly $5,000,000 in silver certificates, is nearly $41,500,000, and the amount of silver certificates outstanding is over $9,000,000. The minimum quantity of silver bullion—$2,000,000 worth—was purchased and coined last month, which added 2,300,000 silver dollars to the metallic currency. It will be noticed that the stock of silver dollars steadily increases by the amount of those coins manufactured each month. There was also an increase during the month in the fractional silver coins on hand of nearly $1,000,000, of which increase the Mints contributed about $500,000. Including the deposits held by national bank depositaries, the United States and national bank notes now in the Treasury aggregate $40,200,000, and against this amount there are currency liabilities outstanding amounting to $34,000,000.

The aggregate receipts for February foot up $27,998,326, against $19,497,099 for the corresponding month of last year. The receipts from Customs were $16,809,846, against $10,843,383 for February, 1879, and from internal revenue, $8,786,921, against $7,061,734 for the same month of last year.

The following is a recapitulation of the debt statement:

Interest-bearing Debt.	
Bonds at 6 per cent	$263,948,000 00
Bonds at 5 per cent	501,418,000 00
Bonds at 4½ per cent	250,000,000 00
Bonds at 4 per cent	738,962,000 00
Refunding certificates	1,883,950 00
Navy Pension Fund	14,000,000 00
Principal	$1,770,212,850 00
Interest	16,212,486 88
Debt on which Interest has ceased since maturity.	
Principal	$10,823,135 26
Interest	897,003 45
Debt Bearing no Interest.	
Old demand and legal-tender notes	$346,742,271 00
Certificates of deposit	11,485,000 00
Fractional currency	15,631,311 08
Gold and silver certificates	19,452,520 00
Principal	$393,311,102 08
Unclaimed Pacific Railway interest	7,397 03
Total Debt.	
Principal	$2,174,347,087 34
Interest	17,116,787 36
Total	$2,191,463,874 70
Total cash in the Treasury	196,351,653 53
Debt, less Cash in the Treasury.	
March 1, 1880	$1,995,112,221 17
Feb. 1, 1880	2,000,784,240 92
Decrease of debt since Feb. 1, 1880	$5,672,019 75
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1879	32,095,035 20
Current Liabilities.	
Interest due and unpaid	$3,662,288 46
Debt on which interest has ceased	10,823,135 26
Interest thereon	897,003 45
Gold and silver certificates	19,452,520 00
United States notes held for redemption of certificates of deposit	11,485,000 00
Cash balance available March 1, 1880	150,031,706 36
Total	$196,351,653 53
Available Assets.	
Cash in the Treasury	$196,351,653 53
Bonds issued to the Pacific Railway Companies, interest payable in lawful money.	
Principal outstanding	$64,623,512 00
Interest accrued and not yet paid	646,235 12
Interest paid by the United States	45,651,155 94
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, &c	13,656,910 27
Balance of interest paid by the United States	31,994,245 67

The following is a statement of the coinage executed at the United States Mints during the month of February, 1880:

Denomination.	Pieces.	Value.
Gold.		
Double eagles	122,440	$2,468,800
Eagles	204,560	2,045,600
Half eagles	266,000	1,330,000
Three dollars	20	60
Quarter eagles	20	50
Dollars	20	20
Total	594,120	$5,844,530
Silver.		
Dollars	2,300,400	$2,300,400
Half-dollars	400	200
Quarter-dollars	400	100
Ten-cent pieces	400	40
Total silver	2,301,600	$2,300,740
Minor Coinage.		
Five-cent pieces	1,100	$55
Three-cent pieces	22,100	663
One-cent pieces	2,368,100	23,681
Total minor coinage	2,391,300	$24,399
Total coinage	5,289,020	$8,169,969

A NATIONAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION.

A convention of yachtsmen was held last evening at the St. Denis Hotel to organize a National Yachting Association. Eighteen clubs sent delegates, and a fairly large part of the yachting interest of the country was represented. A permanent organization was effected by the election of Vice-Commodore W. H. Dilworth, of the New-Jersey Club, President, and John Frick, of the Columbia Club, Secretary. It was decided that the National Association should be divided into the Departments of the North, East, the Gulf, the Pacific, and the Lakes, these departments to have the management of all regattas given under the association rules within their territory, and to act as a species of sub-committee of the central organization. The name adopted is the "National Yachting Association of the United States." The objects of the organization are, among others, to secure uniform sailing regulations and rules; a correct list of members of each club, their yachts' dimensions and description, and a correct and official collection of records; a better method of classification, and an improvement in the system of time allowance; and an official certificate for the owner of a yacht winning a race when sailed under the rules of the Association. A constitution was drafted and will be submitted to the various clubs represented by delegates for approval. The constitution provides that an Executive Committee shall have management of the association, and decide all disputes arising in regattas sailed under the association rules.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRUNK LINE.

Additional details of the meeting of the Louisville and Nashville and Nashville and Chattanooga Directors, in Nashville, at which the sale of the Owensboro and Evansville and St. Louis and South-eastern Railroads was determined upon, have been received by interested parties in this City. Work on the Owensboro and Evansville Road is to be stopped at once and the branch of the Louisville and Nashville Road to Hendersonville is to be used instead. Mr. Newcomb stated that on the policy of a trunk line will be fully carried out on the road from St. Louis to Chattanooga, and that as soon as arrangements can be completed negotiations will be made to lay down for admission to the trunk line pool. The steel rails and rolling stock ordered by President Cole of the Nashville and Chattanooga, five months ago for the condemned roads, were ordered to be sold, and it is expected that, owing to the rise in the price of material, a profit of $500,000 to $600,000 will be realized. It is also expected that the condemned roads will bring $2,000,000 in excess of their cost. There is to be no consolidation of the Louisville and Nashville and Nashville and Chattanooga Companies, but a pro rating agreement, to run five years, is to be drawn up between those two companies and the Western and Atlantic and Georgia Central.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

MR. MACDONALD'S SUGGESTION NOT ACTED UPON—MR. WARD'S DESIGN PRACTICALLY APPROVED.

The special committee appointed by the Committee of Twenty-five, of the Chamber of Commerce, to make arrangements for erecting a monument in Wall-street to commemorate the inauguration of Washington as first President of the United States, held an adjourned meeting in the rooms of the Chamber yesterday afternoon. A letter was received from J. Wilson Macdonald, the sculptor, calling their attention to the fact that a bill is now before Congress providing for the erection of four statues on the two abutments of the Sub-Treasury, and suggesting that, if the men named therein be not satisfactory to the committee, they send on other names, with a view to having the bill passed this week. Mr. Macdonald stated that a committee, to be composed of Messrs. Chittenden, Lawson, Phelps, Cowdin, Low, and Akerman S. Sullivan, be appointed to superintend the erection of the statues, so that the merchants and the citizens generally be represented. Mr. Phelps said that Mr. Chittenden and Secretary Sherman had informed him that the matter did not require any legislation; that neither the Secretary of the Treasury nor the Supervising Architect could have any possible objection to the erection of a statue on the steps of the Sub-Treasury by the Chamber. The speaker would prefer, however, that authority should be obtained from a source that would not be liable to change its mind. He wanted that when once the statue should be erected no man should ever have the power to order it taken down. After further discussion a resolution was adopted instructing the Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Macdonald's communication and inform him that the project of a statue to Washington had been taken up by the Chamber without knowledge of any movement looking towards the same object in any other quarter; that the project falls within the appropriate sphere of the Chamber, and that the committee prefer not to consolidate with any body of citizens desiring that the matter remain exclusively in the hands of the merchants.

A communication was received from Ward, the sculptor, suggesting that a statue of Washington be placed in front of the middle entrance of the Sub-Treasury on Wall-street, with a handsome stone balustrade leading up to it. He inclosed a design, which was pronounced by the committee to be very beautiful. It was stated that the stone which formed the foundation of the balcony of old Federal Hall is now in Bellevue Hospital, and that the Commissioners of Charities and Correction would cheerfully give it to the Commissioners to serve as a basis for the proposed statue. Also, that the Bible on which Washington took the oath of office can be obtained from St. John's Lodge, F. and A. M., of which Washington was a member, and in whose possession it now is. A resolution was adopted to petition Congress to authorize the merchants of New-York to erect the proposed monument, and the committee adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK OF THE INSTITUTION—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Board of Managers of the Nursery and Child's Hospital held their annual meeting yesterday in the chapel of the institution, at Lexington-avenue and Fifty-first-street. About 50 ladies were in attendance, and the Rev. Dr. Potter, of Grace Church, presided. Miss Hunter, the Secretary, acknowledged the receipt of $1,000 from Mrs. Sarah Grace Nathan, $500 from Mr. James R. Keene, and $100 from Mr. W. S. Gilbert, for the benefit of the quarantine fund. In 1879 the receipts of the Charity Ball amounted to $7,446 16; this year, the net proceeds were a little over $8,000. In calling attention to the proposed building of a quarantine and reception ward, the Secretary said that a fund was being created for the purpose, and that a special committee were now considering the question of plans and costs. The number of persons cared for during 1879 were as follows: In City nursery, 911; in country branch, 1,068. Mrs. Du Bois, in her annual report, recommended the employment of female physicians in institutions for women and children. The Rev. Dr. Potter expressed his entire concurrence in the recommendations, and Mr. Erastus Brooks, at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, offered a resolution to the effect that it is wise and expedient that female physicians should have control of institutions for women and children. The resolution was referred to the Board of Managers. The report of Mrs. Kingland, the Treasurer, set forth that the receipts from all sources during the year amounted to $147,005 56, and that there remains a balance of $12,468 79 on hand. In securities, there are on hand $20,000 of United States 4 per cent. registered bonds, $10,000 in New-York City 7 per cent. registered bonds, and $20,000 in registered bonds of the Society of New-York Hospital, making a total of $50,000. After the reading of the reports, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Drs. Potter, Robinson, and Gallaudet, the Rev. Mr. White, and Mr. Erastus Brooks. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: First Directress—Mrs. Cornelius Du Bois; Second Directress—Mrs. A. S. Sullivan; Third Directress—Mrs. J. W. Ellis; Treasurer—Mrs. A. O. Kingsland; Secretary—Miss E. B. Hunter; Assistant Secretary—Miss M. D. Van Winkle; Managers—Mrs. P. S. Appleton, Mrs. S. L. M. Barlow, Mrs. S. P. Burdett, Mrs. Edward Cooper, Mrs. T. A. Craven, Mrs. E. C. Cowdin, Mrs. E. M. Felt, Mrs. Arthur Gilman, Mrs. T. Garner, Mrs. Chester Griswold, Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. Thomas Hicks, Mrs. B. N. Harrison, Mrs. R. Knower, Mrs. William Kingsland, Mrs. F. H. May, Mrs. W. R. Nettel, Mrs. A. W. Parsons, Miss Patterson, Mrs. J. Riley, Mrs. D. R. Smith, Mrs. E. D. Stanton, Mrs. E. G. Tinker, Mrs. R. H. L. Townsend, Mrs. M. H. Throop, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. D. H. Vinton, Mrs. W. R. Wells, Mrs. J. H. Wright, Mrs. C. T. White, Mrs. Leonard D. White.

A VERDICT SET ASIDE.

AN OLD RING SUIT AGAINST JERSEY CITY.

When Jersey City absorbed the little Town of Greenville, she necessarily absorbed a certain amount of debt along with Greenville property and population. Among the claims against the town in 1872 was one of James M. Elmendorf for $20,273 80 for the improvement of Myrtle-avenue, one of the works of the somewhat notorious Street Commission. When Mr. Elmendorf's claim was presented and allowed, a number of tax-payers who considered the claim exorbitant, applied to the Chancellor for an injunction and an examination. The matter was referred to Washington B. Williams, a Master, whose report showed that the amount due Elmendorf was $9,293 80, subject, however, to reductions for violations of contract. The final report of the Master showed the amount due Elmendorf to be $113 76. There the matter rested, Elmendorf making no effort to collect the wreck of his claim. In 1873 Greenville was swallowed up by Jersey City, and in 1875 Elmendorf procured the passage of an act providing for the appointment of a Referee, whose duty it should be to ascertain the amount due him for work done outside of his contracts. Mr. Jacob Weart was appointed under the act of 1875, and took the evidence in the case, but the matter appears not to have been understood at the time by the Jersey City authorities, for there was no evidence presented in contradiction of Elmendorf's claim, and Mr. Weart made an award in his favor. But before he could get his money, City Attorney Douglas carried the case on certiorari, raising the issue that the act was unconstitutional by reason of the fact that it deprived the defendants of the right of trial by jury. Elmendorf then applied to the Supreme Court of the county for a mandamus to compel payment. The court declined to issue the writ. Elmendorf then sued, and the case came up before Judge Reed, who was sitting temporarily in Judge Knapp's absence, in September last. Allan R. McDermott appeared for the city. John Lynn, Elmendorf's counsel, proved the award, and rested. Mr. McDermott offered to prove that Elmendorf had already received $30,000 more that he was entitled to, and that the work done and materials furnished according to the report of the Referee were not done and furnished in fact. The court ruled that the evidence offered should be given before the Referee, previous to the making of the award, and directed judgment to be entered in favor of Elmendorf for $17,920 95, with interest, holding that the report of the Referee was conclusive against the city. Mr. McDermott applied for and obtained a rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted. The case was argued before Chief-Justice Beasley in November and decision reserved. The Chief-Justice now decides that the verdict shall be set aside and the rule made absolute.

STOUTENBERGH SENTENCED.

Edward R. Stoutenbergh, who was convicted in the Essex Sessions last week of the embezzlement of a $1,500 diamond belonging to Mrs. F. K. Leavitt, of Newark, was yesterday arraigned before Judge McCarter for sentence. Stoutenbergh's counsel asked for a postponement, on the ground that he had discovered new and important evidence in the case, but the motion was denied. Judge McCarter then sentenced Stoutenbergh to be imprisoned in the State Prison for two years, and to pay a fine of $500. He heard the sentence without the quiver of a muscle. He was immediately removed to the County Jail, and will probably be taken to Trenton to-day. Stoutenbergh was visited by a number of friends last night, to whom he earnestly protested his innocence. His wife was so much affected by the sentence that she has since been confined to her bed.

THE WILL CONSPIRATORS

ONE MORE PRISONER LAYING THE BLAME ON SACIA.

CALDWELL TELLS HOW HE WAS INDUCED TO JOIN IN THE PLOT—A MAN WHO REPENTED—A LEGAL TILT ABOUT ADMITTING THE WILL AS EVIDENCE.

TRENTON, March 1.—The trial of the Lewis will conspirators was resumed at the United States Court-house this morning. The court-room was filled with spectators. Mrs. Lewis did not come into the court-room, but remained in an ante-room, where she was enabled to hear everything without being seen. Several times during the cross-examination of Caldwell, Mr. Keasbey and Special United States Officer Burnett retired to consult with her in relation to points where her testimony given on Friday was contradicted. Dr. Park was seated at the table behind his counsel, ex-Judge Hoffman, and remained throughout the day with his head resting on his right hand, closely watching the witnesses as they gave their evidence. Bassford sat in a chair with his arms crossed, and occasionally rocking the chair backward and forward. Sacia sat behind Mr. Mayo, his counsel, and appeared nervous during the examination of Caldwell, who had turned informer for the Government. Bradford and Allinson were seated close to the reporters' table and were apparently unconcerned.

Elisha J. Caldwell testified: "I live in Jersey City. I know Charles Sacia and his son, Marcus T. Sacia. I knew Joseph L. Lewis, of Hoboken, and recollect hearing of his death. I was introduced by Charles Sacia to Marcus T. Sacia in 1877 or 1878 in a saloon in Jersey City. At that time I first met Charles, and then Marcus came in. I agreed to go and testify. Charles Sacia promised to give me $2,000 for doing so. The object was to corroborate her statement that she was the wife of Joseph L. Lewis; that I met her and was introduced to her by Lewis as his wife. I had been to the house of Joseph L. Lewis. I never knew of his being married. I went before the Commissioner, according to that arrangement, and gave that testimony on May 2. I was acquainted with Fish, a Justice of the Peace in West Hoboken. The marriage certificate was handed to me before the Master. I knew Fish's writing. I identified the signature as his by the appearance and by comparison. I first saw Mrs. Lewis at No. 27 Bleecker-street, New-York, shortly after my interview with Marcus T. Sacia. The first I spoke of the Lewis will was with Charles Sacia. I think I spoke, in my testimony, of Fish's conversation with me as to the marriage. I got a note making an appointment between Wood and I at a saloon on Fourth-street. I went there and met Sacia, and we went to No. 27 Bleecker-street and met Mrs. Lewis. I had never seen her before, and had no knowledge of her except what I got from those parties. I saw Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, and Frank Allinson. (Witness recognized Allinson.) I was introduced to Allinson as Frederick Ward. Mrs. Lewis was not there then. I called again about 8 o'clock, and saw Mrs. Lewis. Allinson came into the parlor and told Mrs. Lewis about two detectives who had followed him. Allinson had been up stairs in the room overhead. I know that because I left him there when I went out. Mrs. Lewis produced a photograph of the marriage certificate, and I agreed to testify that I had met her in the Spring of 1859, and knew her as the Mrs. Lewis. This was the same arrangement that I had made with Charles Sacia. I had communication with Sacia by means of my sons and a man named O'Keefe. On the second day after my testimony I met Mrs. Lewis at the corner of Seventh-avenue and Forty-eighth-street. She wanted to see me about what was claimed as to the alteration of the plate; that it was altered since the date of the marriage. Mrs. Lewis wrote to Bassford to get Sacia to come to her house and meet me at her house. We met and spoke of the plot and what the expert said about it. Mark Sacia said it would not do so, as the party in [illegible] said so and it for 20 years or over. Sacia had not spoken of getting the certificate before that time. It was decided in plain words to forge another certificate. I went and got a certified copy of a marriage between Arthur Brown and Catherine Lynch, by direction of Marcus Sacia, from the Church. Dr. Young, of St. Andrew's Church, I got the certificate from Bassford in the vestibule of the Post Office in a frame that my own marriage certificate had been in, I having sent the frame to Sacia. Sacia said that he was going to have the name in Old English text, and Bassford said that Sacia had trouble in getting the old ink. This second certificate was to corroborate Mrs. Lewis's certificate. I bought 10 blank certificates. (Another certificate produced.) This was filled up in Mark Sacia's handwriting. It is one between Frank Fleets and Mary R. Reed. The names of the witnesses were filled in by Bassford. Sacia and Bassford knew that these other certificates were going to be offered. Allinson said that he had gotten Mrs. Lewis as the widow, and that Sacia had worked up the case."

Cross-examined by Mr. Mayo—"I expected to get $5,000 from this great recovery. The first arrangement was with Charles Sacia for $2,000. Mrs. Lewis promised the $5,000."

William Arnold testified: "I know Marcus T. Sacia and had a conversation with him as to being a witness in the Lewis will case, as to the signing of a certificate. Sacia came to my office in 1878 and said there was a big thing on hand. He wanted me to sign a certificate, and promised to pay me $25 down and $1,000 in about 20 days. He said it was all right; that the New-York and Jersey City lawyers were in together. It was the marriage certificate of Fleet and Reed. He said that it was the Lewis will case, and that there was a lady in it who was very smart that was the widow of Lewis. I did not do so. A few days afterward he called again, and I went to Seventh-avenue, where a larger house, where I signed the certificate. I was to have had $1,025, but I have not had it yet. It is false, and Sacia was the first and only one who spoke to me about it. I testified to the marriage, that I was a witness at Fleet's marriage, and that I signed the false certificate. That was all false. I went before Fish by direction of Sacia. I was called as a witness on the part of the Executors as to the genuineness of the certificate, and I then stated the truth. I saw Sacia afterward on Bank-street; we had been drinking freely. I told him I was broke, and he gave me a bill for $10. I did not like the look of it. Sacia was my guide all through."

Mrs. Albertina Eichorn testified: "In 1877 I resided in St. Mark's-place. Mrs. Lewis boarded with a Mrs. Wertz, who rented rooms in my house. I seldom spoke to Mrs. Lewis, who occupied the third floor. I had visitors there—gentlemen. I have seen Sacia at my house. I have seen Dr. Park there. Allinson came in July or August almost every day. I heard Allinson giving Mrs. Lewis lessons as to what she should say. Mrs. Lewis said she was going to prove Allinson her husband. I had always thought that she was the real Mrs. Lewis."

On cross-examination, the witness said that she had been Mrs. Eichorn for three years; prior to that she was Mrs. Shields. Mr. Mayo endeavored several times to ascertain whether Shields was living, and also whether Shields had got a divorce from the witness, but she declined to answer on the ground that it might disgrace or criminate her. She said she demanded the protection of the court; that it might expose murder on the other party; that they had attempted to take her life.

Cornelius S. See, Master in Chancery, was asked if the will was proved before him, by the witnesses to it. This was for the purpose of making out a prima facie case as to there being a will. Ex-Judge Hoffman objected. If the Chancellor decided this was not the will of Joseph L. Lewis, and refused to admit it to probate, then the Government could not be defrauded of that to which they had no interest; and, therefore, even if the defendants have conspired, they could not conspire to do what was an impossibility—defraud the United States of that in which it had not a dollar of interest. This was overruled. A copy of the will was produced. Mr. Mayo objected to the admission of the will or the copy of it as evidence, because it was not proved to be the will of Lewis. Mr. Keasbey replied that it was not necessary that the conspiracy should fail or succeed to entitle the Government to prosecute. The indictment was that the defendants conspired to deprive the Government of the provisions of the will. Ex-Judge Hoffman claimed that the thwarting of the probate of the will was not a conspiracy to defraud the United States. If any one was to be defrauded, it was the creditors of the United States and not the Government.

At this point the court adjourned until to-morrow.

YOUNG CROWLEY'S LOST DIAMOND.

The sensational Crowley diamond case, in which young William Crowley, of Brooklyn, removed a diamond stud from the shirt-front of Horace Mendham, a young stationer, and put it in his pocket, claiming it was his own, was to have been called for examination, in the Tombs Police Court, yesterday. At 2:30 o'clock P. M., Mr. Robert Crowley and his son had a private consultation with Justice Ellbreth. It is understood that Crowley informed the magistrate that Mendham's mother and sister had called upon him, and had earnestly talked over the matter. Young Crowley said he could not swear that the gem had been stolen by Mendham. He had merely lost it. The matter was finally settled by the magistrate stating that Mendham would have to come to court to-day and sign a paper waiving all claim to the jewel, and that then it would be turned over to Crowley. The stud still remains in the custody of Warden Finn, and is locked up in a safe in the latter's office.

EMPLOYING DETECTIVES IN DIVORCE.

Judge Van Hoesen has refused to confirm the report of a Referee in favor of granting a decree of divorce to the plaintiff in the suit of Riotti against Riotti. The plaintiff is a son of Mr. Riotti, who was Minister from this country to Costa Rica several years ago, and who is now and to be a judicial officer under the German Government, having renounced his allegiance to the United States. The young man was attracted several years ago by the good looks of the defendant, a girl of Irish extraction. He married her, but lived with her only about a month. She did not hear of him again until last Summer, when he began his suit for a divorce in the Court of Common Pleas. On the trial of the case before the Referee, it appeared that the defendant had lived with another man, who had acquitted him to the jury, and testified that they saw the defendant acting improperly at night in the Elysian Fields, in Hoboken. Mrs. Riotti brought witnesses who swore that on the night in question she was employed in a bakery in the City. In a long opinion accompanying his denial of the motion to confirm the Referee's report, Judge Van Hoesen stigmatized the story of the two detectives as "a wicked fabrication." He visited the place where the witnesses said they were said to have been committed, and decided from what he saw there that the detectives had committed perjury, as the locality is not in a dense "wood," but is a field illuminated by gas. Night at the terminus of a horse railroad. If Judge Van Hoesen's intention to lay the facts concerning the detectives before the Grand Jury.

THE LITTLE CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIANS CONTEMPLATING A CHANGE IN THEIR SYSTEM.

The Presbytery of New-York, composed of all the Presbyterian clergymen in this City, has been agitated for some time over the subject of chapels, or little down-town churches, that are dependent upon the wealthy churches, some of the ministers believing that these chapels ought to be changed into independent churches, and not be controlled by the rich Fifth-avenue and Madison-avenue churches.

The report of the committee, which the Presbytery has been anxiously expecting for the last four or five months, was presented yesterday, at its meeting in the Scotch Presbyterian Church. The report dwelt upon the fact that there were no more Presbyterian churches now than 30 years ago, while every other denomination, especially the Roman Catholics, had greatly increased in numbers. It gave credit to the wealthy churches for liberality and zeal in establishing chapels, but regretted that these had been made dependencies of those churches, instead of properly organized congregations. It proposed that work should be prosecuted in the chapels, with a distinct reference to the organization of churches, at the earliest moment; and that an agent should be appointed by the Presbytery, to superintend the planting of new churches and the fostering of existing ones.

Dr. Howard Crosby began the debate upon the resolutions offered by the committee. There were several inferences from the report which he held should be guarded against. Though the Presbyterian body would seem, from statistics, to have fallen behind, it was not so. It had 11,000 communicants in 1850, and but 16,000 now, when it ought to have 25,000. But New-York is rapidly becoming a City of two classes, the very rich and the very poor. The middle class is flying out of the City into the suburbs—as far as Stamford, Tarrytown, Babylon, Jerusalem, and Jericho. Though we lose these from the City, they fall into the churches within 40 miles, and ought to be counted in. The immigrants of Europe are pouring into New-York, and this is the reason that the Roman Catholic Church is increasing. While the German emigrants go West, the Irish all stop here, and swell the Roman Catholic statistics. He pronounced it impossible that the chapels could be changed into churches, and church support and individual support be given to the enterprises as now. The chapel connected with his own church, he said, was under the management of a member of the Presbytery. If 40 or more members of Dr. Crosby's church leave the Chaplain, his hands must fall to his side. These 40 men have devoted themselves earnestly to the work of carrying on the chapel, and devote time and money to it. The people of the chapel are not fit to take care of themselves. They have not the education, the training, the means of taking care of themselves. They belong to the low classes from abroad. The attempt had once been made to organize the chapel into a church. Six men had been appointed helpers. They had been offered $30,000 to become independent. The six Elders elected had fizzled out in six months. If the chapel should become independent, if the 40 workers should withdraw, the church could not sustain itself one year, and would have to sell its building. He liked the report, but took exception to the appointment of an agent to supervise church extension.

Dr. John Hall seconded the adoption of the report. He is connected, he said, with three of the chapels. He has urged them to become churches, as soon as they are able. His predecessor, Dr. James Alexander, had tried this plan of turning the chapel into a church. It had been a failure. It would be a relief if the Presbytery could say to the Pastors of the churches having chapels, we will take the responsibility of these mission chapels. Dr. Hall agreed with Dr. Crosby in disapproving of an agent for church missions. One reason why the Presbyterian Church of New-York has not built more churches, he said, is its resources have been drawn upon as extensively by the whole United States, by nearly churches, and by the boards.

One of the members of the Presbytery recalled to the memory of the brethren the course of debate on the mission chapels during five months past. The weak churches had experienced apprehensions of being forced to become chapels in dependency upon the rich congregations. There were substantial reasons for the apprehensions. The Chaplains themselves had in the manifest manner explained the peculiar difficulties under which they were forced to labor, and several of them had expressed their wish at once to swing off into independent church life. This showed the inexpediency of the chapel system. But it was contrary to the constitution and usage of the Church. The form of government required organization and an eldership in every church. The same question had come up in the Scottish Church, in 1835, when the Rev. Andrew Gray had demanded for chapels the status of Presbyterian churches, an eldership for each chapel, and representation in Presbytery. The demand had been accorded almost by acclamation. Churches and not chapel dependencies were demanded by the genius of the Presbyterian system.

The Rev. Alexander McKelvey, of the Canal-Street Church, thought that some of the chapels were formed with the distinct understanding that they were not to become churches. These chapels, with memberships of 150, 200, 300, 500, 600, 800 members, certainly must be able to govern themselves. If not now, with such membership, when would they ever be able to sustain themselves? Are they always to be asked, to be cradled? Are they to be told, swim, but do not go into the water? If things were as Dr. Crosby represented, and his men will withdraw if his chapel is made to stand on its own feet as an organized church, it was a sorry state of things.

The Rev. Edgar A. Elmore, one of the Chaplains, said the chapels only wanted an outlet. They wanted to be able to look forward to the time when they could become Pastors of independent churches. These in his chapel were not foreigners. They were members of Presbyterian churches who had come into that neighborhood. Two-thirds of the teachers in his Sunday-school belonged to his own congregation. They had some of the best of their men in Madison-Square Church as Deacons in training for eldership. They were in perfect harmony with Madison-Square Church, and sought to develop into a regular church.

The Rev. Howard Talbot, of the chapel connected with the Church of the Covenant, said a woman had asked him the difference between a chapel and a church. "The Methodists have a church, why is this a chapel?" If I were about to join again, I would join a church, not a chapel." And the Chaplain had replied: "I would advise you to do so if the chapel is always to be a chapel." Give us a hope of one day becoming a church, like the rest of the Churches, and it will put a new spirit into our work.

The report, with the exception of the last resolution, was unanimously adopted, and the consideration of that resolution was postponed until the second Monday in April.

THE SEAWANHAKA YACHT CLUB.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS WHICH ARE TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR.

The Seawanhaka Yacht Club met at Delmonico's last evening. Commodore W. A. W. Stewart presided. Secretary C. E. Cromwell presented the resignation of John R. Wallace. W. Howard Mitchell, John A. Stewart, Jr., Edward P. Mitchell, Charles E. Jenkins, Roger M. Sherman, and Sidney V. Stratton were unanimously elected members of the club. The question arose as to what yachts should be admitted to the Corinthian Regatta besides those belonging to the Seawanhaka Club. The committee reported in favor of leaving the matter to the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Mr. Beekman moved that the Regatta Committee be instructed to invite the New-York, the Atlantic, the Eastern, and the New-Bedford Yacht Clubs, and after a long discussion this motion was carried. In the coming regatta, therefore, only yachts belonging to those clubs and the Seawanhaka will participate.

Commodore Stewart suggested that some action be taken in regard to the displacement of sailing-masters during the Corinthian race. He was of the opinion that they ought to be left ashore. Mr. Roosevelt moved that the sailing-masters be permitted on the yachts, but that they be confined to the cabin, and not allowed to give any directions except in case of accident. The motion was carried. Here Mr. Beekman secured the passage of a resolution to confine cooks and stewards to the cabin with the sailing-master during the Corinthian race, and to forbid the employment of a pilot on any of the boats. Secretary C. E. Cromwell presented the following programme for the year 1880, which was adopted unanimously.

First Week.—Monday, May 31 (Decoration Day,) opening of the club at 10:30 A. M. from Tompkinsville, Staten Island, round the south-east spit buoy, to Gravesend Bay, where the friends of the club will be entertained at dinner in some convenient hotel.

Second Week.—The Corinthian race, Saturday, June 12, for second-class schooners, and first, second, third, and fourth class sloops; the prizes to be $100 to the winning schooner, $100 to winning sloops of the first and second class, $65 to the winner of the third, and $65 to the winner of the fourth class, with individual prizes of $5 to each man in the winning yachts.

Third Week.—The Corinthian cruise, to begin on each day in July as the Commodore may hereafter select. The usual Fourth of July race at Oyster Bay is to be omitted this year, and a race at the end of the cruise substituted.

THE GENERAL SESSIONS GRAND JURY.

The March term of the General Sessions Court was opened yesterday by City Judge Cowing. Among the gentlemen summoned on the Grand Jury who did not respond were Marshall O. Roberts, August Belmont, and Henry Hart, the Chairman-nurse business. The panel contained a number of gentlemen experienced in Grand Jury duties. The foreman selected Mr. David M. Turnure, broker, of No. 106 Wall-street, who has frequently discharged the duties of the position with satisfaction, to act as foreman of the Grand Jury. In his charge Judge Cowing said that seeing so many gentlemen on the panel who had on various occasions acted as Grand Jurors, he felt inclined to dismiss them with the single remark that "a word to the wise is sufficient," but that seven some things which the law required him to call their attention to. His Honor then delivered the customary statutory charge, and in concluding urged the Grand Jury to investigate every case brought to their knowledge with the utmost attention, for if it was of importance enough to call a grand jury, it should receive more important was it that no innocent person should suffer.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

Elizabeth Ros, aged 60, fell out of a fourth-story window of St. Joseph's Home, No. 209 West Fifteenth-street, of which she was an inmate, yesterday morning, and was killed.

Mr. William Wells Newell will lecture on "English and Scandinavian Romantic Ballads" in the chapel of the Church of the Messiah, Park-avenue and Thirty-fourth-street, this evening.

President Morris, of the Board of Aldermen, while attempting to get on a Broadway car on Sunday evening, was thrown to the ground and dragged a short distance. He received some slight injuries, but he was able to visit the City Hall yesterday.

Mr. William McClure resigned the position of Vice-Chairman of the Stock Exchange, on Friday last, desiring to go into business on his own account. Yesterday, the Governing Committee accepted his resignation, and unanimously elected Mr. Alexander Henriques to fill the vacancy.

Thomas Francis Corcoran, a brown-stone cutter, residing at No. 403 East Fifty-ninth-street, was shot yesterday by James Miller, aged 16, whose father keeps a liquor store at No. 427 East Fifty-ninth-street. The wound is considered serious by the surgeons of the Roosevelt Hospital, where the injured man was taken.

Antonio Salasa, the keeper of an Italian saloon at No. 35 Mulberry-street, was tried by Assistant District-Attorney Rollins in General Sessions, yesterday, for stabbing James Donovan, a carpenter, in the hip. The jury convicted the Italian, and Judge Gildersleeve sentenced him to two years and six months in State Prison.

Coroner Brady yesterday concluded the inquest in the case of Ellen Flynn, of No. 340 West Thirty-ninth-street, who died on the 19th ult. from injuries received at the hands of her husband, Patrick Flynn, as already published. A verdict against the husband was rendered by the jury, and he was committed to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Sorosis has elected the following-named officers: President—Jennie C. Croley; Vice-Presidents—Ruth O. De Lamater, Henrietta M. Marvin, Charlotte Coleman, and Anna Randall Diehl; Recording Secretary—Mary A. Newton; Corresponding Secretary—Minnie Swayne; Treasurer—Sarah A. King; Auditor—Annie M. Rider; Custodian—Hannah Allen.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners sued the Staten Island Railway Company to recover a statutory penalty of $100 for the act of servants of the defendant corporation, in throwing ashes from the steam-boat Josephine into the Bay. The case was tried before Judge Lawrence and a jury in Supreme Court, Circuit, yesterday. The verdict was for the plaintiff.

In the General Sessions Court, yesterday, James Lynch, a liquor-dealer, of No. 29 West Third-street, was sentenced by Judge Cowing to 30 days in the Penitentiary and a fine of $100. John Fitzpatrick, of No. 375 Cherry-street, for selling liquor without license, was fined $10, and James Lavery, of No. 113 Avenue D, for a similar offense, was fined $5.

In the General Sessions Court, yesterday, three of the men arrested on complaint of Mr. Anthony Comstock, for being engaged in the lottery business, pleaded guilty. Frank G. Webb, who was indicted for keeping a policy shop at No. 2 Park-row,